Steel safety cover withdrawn in Yorkshire

The withdrawal of all safety cover on BSC plants leader, recovering from a heart was ordered last night by the South Yorkshire panied by his doctors walked to steel strike coordinating committee. It said a national policy of withdrawal was being formulated, but maintenance men were being withdrawn last night from a computer centre near

Rotherham Hadfall? Rotherham. Hadfield's of Sheffield, a Lonrhoowned plant, said it would withhold taxes due to the Government.

Move to extend action throughout Britain

From Ronald Kershaw Rotherham

The South Yorkshire steel strike co-ordinating committee last night took the unprecedented step of ordering the withdrawal of all safety cover on British Steel Corporation's strike-bound plants.

After a three-hour meeting a committee spokesman said that the order would have immediate effect in South Yorkshire and Humberside, but plans were being formulated to extend the action throughout the country. The implications of the move are serious in terms of cost and of the future of the steel indus-

uy in Britain. If new coke ovens at the Scunthorpe complex are permitted to go cold it will cost £80m to £100m and take two years to rebuild them to operating standards. The 10,000tonne Redcar blastfurnace produces 350 tonnes of iron every 24 hours and is the sole supply of iron and steelmaking in the North-East. In South Yorkshire the hearths of electric arc furnaces will crumble without regular attention.

Mr Stanley Sheridan, press spokesman for the strike com-mittee, said: "We have decided to put the boot in."

He admitted that the implications of the move could be "disastrous" and said: "The BSC management has been sitting back for the past six weeks and not producing one ounce of steel. Sir Keith Joseph is not going to save the BSC so we are not going to be in that position either ".

Other strike committees had been contacted and a national policy of withdrawal of safety cover was being formulated.

"We have been sitting back ance; the Customs and Exception of national insurance and insurance while 15,000 managers have kevenue for refusal to pay fax been getting paid week after week. There comes a time in a strike when the gloves have to come off", he said.

The withdrawal would start employees", the DHSS said.

ben being withdrawn from the BSC computer centre at Aldwarke, near Rotherham, he said. Withdrawals would be phased over a period but their effect would be apparent within

48 hours.
From that point safety cover would be the responsibility of the BSC and the Government. BSC has never made any secret about the urgency of maintaining safety cover and the threat to the industry if it

were withdrawn.

Hadfields of Sheffield, one of South Yorksbire's biggest private sector steelmakers, yesterday announced that it intends to withhold about £2m a month in income tax, National Health Service contributions from employees wages and value added tax until the end of the steel strike.

That amount, payable to government departments, is close to the sum the company is losing because of the steel strike.

Mr Derek Norton, chairman of the company, said messages received from other industrialists indicated that more private sector companies might with-

hold payments.

Hadfields is part of the Lonrho group and yesterday's unanimous decision by the board of nine directors had the full suport of Mr Roland (Tiny) Rowland, chairman of Lonrho, Mr Norton said. He added: "The board has

decided that . . we are going to picket the company cheque book until the strike is over."

Prosecution threat: Hadfields'
action could leave it open to prosecution by three govern-ment bodies : the Department of Health and Social Security for non-payment of national insury maintaining plants over VAT; and the Inland 15,000 managers have Revenue for refusal to pay tax

£48m boost for Welsh industries

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent

A'estminster

The first concrete indication of the extent of the urgent rescue operation being prepared by Government departments for those areas hardest hit by the steel redundancies came yesterday in the Commons with the announcement of a 48m aid programme spread over two years to bring new industries and jobs

to Wales. Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, giving details of the programme aimed at cushioning the impact of the steel closures, told MPs that Sirved MPs that Sirved MPs that State Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, was urgently considering comparable action for the areas affected in England. It is estimated that more than \$0,000 jobs will be lost in the steel industry alone, including about 11,300 in Port Talbot and Lianwern in South Wales. There have been reports that the loss in Wales, including industries

affected by the steel closures, could be as high as 50,000 jobs. that Mr Edwards has won a considerable victory in the Cabinet battle over expenditure cuts. Whatever other departments may suffer when the public spending reductions are announced next month, it is not likely to be the Welsh Office.

To loud cheers, the Secretary of State told the House that in spite of the overriding need to contain public expenditure he had successfully defended the key motorway and trunk road programmes for the M4 and the A55, carrying traffic to the A55, carrying traffic to the principality. Those would go

ahead as planned.
Mr Edwards said the Government would do everything possible to encourage and assist the growth of new industries in those areas. The prime need was for the acquisition, preparation, and development of in-dustrial sites together with a rial sites together with a Those were that the reporting Continued on page 2, col 8 of deaths in custody should be

Iran leader pledges revolution 'export'

san Bani-Sadr tonight became Iran's first president when his overwhelming election victory was endorsed by Ayatoliah Ruhollah Khomeini in a ceremony at a Tebran hospital.

His son, Hojatoleslam Ahmad Khomeini read the formal notice of endorsement on behalf of his father. It said: "Mr Bani-Sadr has been chosen by the majority vote of the people and according to the constitutional position of the theologian, I appoint him President of the Islamic Republic."

Speaking to hundreds of thousands of people at a Tehran cemetery hours before the ceremony, Mr Bani-Sadr said: "Our revolution will not win if it is not exported. We are going to create a new order in which deprived people will not always be deprived and oppressors will not always be oppressors."

Several hundred foreign guests, mostly Muslims but including a group of Americans, and the Greek Catholic Archbishop of Jerusalem, Mgr Hilarion Capucci, heard him speak. They arrended prayers at the former Senate building together with members of the

Revolutionary Council. Mr Bani-Sadr told the crowd economic and cultural problems and political unrest which we cannot end in two or three days. Victory will come through hard work."

Hojatoleslam Khomeini read a message from the Ayatollah supporting all liberation movements which "are fighting for God, righteousness, justice and

It singled out Ican's support for Muslim insurgents fighting against the Soviet supported Government in Afghanistan. Again we announce our support for our Afghan brothers and we severely condemn the occupation of the invaders. We are Muslims and East as well as West are not important for

One of the visiting Americans, 30-year-old black Muslim, Mr. Noor Ahmad, of Berkeley, California, told reporters: "Basically the Islamic Republic of Iran has ser a good pattern for Muslim

Mr Ali Seddeghi, a 35-year-old Pakistani-born American who heads the Muslim community in California, said: The Islamic revolution of Itan has had a great impact on Muslims in America."

President Bani-Sadr today received a message of congratu-lations from President Brezhnev, emphasizing nonintervention and good-neigh-bourkness.—Reuter.

Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader announced that he would visit Iran soon for talks with Ayatollah Khomeini, the Libyan news agency Jana reported

Home Affairs Correspondent

Ways of tightening safe-guards for people in police

custody were suggested yester-day by Lord Belstead, Under-Secretary of State at the Home

Answering questions from the Select Committee on Home Affairs, about deaths in police

custody, he said there were unlikely to be objections from

the police about recommenda-tions made by the Brodrick

committee's report on death

certifications and coroners, in

By Peter Evans



Aftermath of a riot: Blanket-wrapped prisoners huddle together under the gaze of National Guard men.

Prisoners tell of atrocities after 35 deaths

Santa Fe, Feb 4.-Fires still burnt in the New Mexico state prison today as 1,100 prisoners huddled in tents outside describing murder, torture and mutilations that left at least 35 inmates dead, scores wounded, and 15 others missing.

Three more bodies were found today,

according to a police sergeant. Mr Bruce King, the Governor of New Mexico, said at least seven died of drug overdoses, others suffocated in the smoke and some were murdered. He added that 50 prisoners were unaccounted for, including the dead, after the takeover which began on morning, prompted for improved pr Saturday demands conditions.

Prisoners settled old grudges and during the 33-hour uprising attacked other prisoners thought to be friendly guards, prisoners said. They added that some of the rioters, crazed with drugs, cut off prisoners' arms and

legs and set others on fire.
The flashpoint on Saturday occurred when two prisoners, discovered drinking a spirit they had brewed themselves, attacked two guards,

Rioting spread through the prison and 15 guards were taken hostage by prisoners. Police sharpshooters and heavily armed National Guardmen stormed the prison vesterday afternoon to regain control without, they said, firing a shot. But 50 guards had prisoners had to be taken to local hospitals. One guard and seven prisoners are said to be in critical condition.

State officials said it may cost as much as \$50m (about £22.7m) to re-place the state's only maximumsecurity prison, built to house 850 and holding 1,136 when the riot broke out. -AP, Reuter and UPI.

Russia puts anti-Carter message into verse

From Michael Binyon Moscow, Feb 4

The Soviet campaign against President Carter has been raised to the level of art. After the lengthy leading articles, the wordy arguments, the political thunderbolts, the Russians have now commissioned a poem to sum the convergence estant of sum up the courageous stand of their people in the face of the threats from America.

The popular illustrated Soviet Weekly has published a 12-verse poem warning the American president not to underestimate the Russians. Entitled "We'll get along without you", the catchy verses are a veritable message of defiance for the

The poet. Oleg Shestinsky, says he lived through the starvation after the civil war, the Leningrad blockade, the times when his feet were frozen and his table was a blasted wreck. An ear of grain to him then was priceless as a pearl. It was as rare as the occasional heavy tear of a soldier. But, he goes

The thoughts of rich America Are naive, simple and mean. Do they think by not loading grain,
Our stomachs will start to

James Carter! It's time to Think quickly about just this What a talented people we all

What a powerful nation this is, Do you thinks at the shout Do you think when you wave

Shall I go and forget the glory Our ancestors won for this land In the struggle for rights and justice To live peacefully here on

That I'll scurry along obedient Bent double at your command?

Congress is in anger and

But I'll speak straight from Shall I sell my brothers in For a loaf of Texas bread?

Pray James Carter, pray now That your own country so great is not struck back a hundredfold By the twists of evil fate.

The sun shines high in the It is almost springrime now, The Sowing, the harvest, the

From Brest to Vladivostok Our course is clearly in view. We'll go the long road before And we'll get along without

Mr Oppenheim critical'

Mr Henry Oppenheim, the businessman, was said to be in a "very critical" condition in Wellington Hospital, Sr John's Wood, Lordon, last night after brain haemorrhage. His wife, Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, was at his bedside.

Sterling demand and gold price push reserves to record level

By Caroline Atkinson Britain's official reserves were pushed up by \$987m (£435m) to a record of \$23,706m (£10,456m) at the end

of January. The strong demand for sterling, the higher gold price, and public sector transactions were responsible. But the underlying rise, which is a rough guide to Bank of England intervention in the foreign exchange markets was only \$509m.

Although the Bank intervenes only to smooth out demand for the pound, rather than to change change rate significantly, its intervention has recently been

In the last two months the underlying inflow of funds into the reserves was more than \$1,000m. In that time the pound has risen by 24 per cent against a basket of currencies, and from \$2.1830 to \$2.2670 against the dollar, despite the smoothing by the Bank of

England. Hot money attracted into London in the last few months has more than offset the outflow of private capital from Britain since the abolition of exchange controls last autumn. Overseas investors appear to be attracted by the high level

Lord Belstead said that con-sultation with coroners would

also be necessary. The Home Office is understood to be

broadly sympathetic to the

the Home Office, in evidence

to the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure, had sug-

gested a limit on the period people could be held in custody before being charged. For an extension after 24

hours, it is suggested, the police would have to apply to magistrates for an additional 24 hours. There would have to

Lord Belstead told MPs that

Time limit for people held in police

rommittee's views.

custody among safeguards sought

of interest rates in Britain, and by North Sea oil. factors have weighed Britain's high inflation rate, large belance of pay-ments deficit and fears of in-

The \$421m addition to reserves caused by a revalua-tion of part of Britain's gold holdings was contributed to by the European Community and the IMF.

The United Kingdom holds some gold with the European Community system of reserve pooling. This is revalued more frequently than the other gold in the reserves. The quarterly renewal of Britain's pooling month and a evaluation of the constituent gold added \$341m to the UK reserves.

A further \$80m came from the restitution to Britain of some of the International Monetary Fund's holdings of the UK gold subscription. There were also substantial

public sector transactions dur-ing the month which affected the reserves. Nationalized industries repaid a net \$252m of

overseas debt in January. The National Coal Board borrowed \$33m and the Water Council \$7m, but the Electricity Council repaid \$272m, the

The Home Office evidence was heard by five members of the Jimmy Kelly Action Committee, which has asked the Clerk of the Commons if it can give avidence what the death

give evidence about the death of Mr Kelly on Merseyside.

Mr Thomas Banks, committee chairman, told me he had photo-

Of the Electricity Council repayment, \$150m was an early payment of part of a \$1,000m Eurodollar loan taken out in 973. There is still several hundred million dollars outstand-ing of this loan, which the Covernment has said will be repaid by the end of March. The Government also paid

North of Scotland Hydroelectric

Board S13m and others S7m.

\$83m to the IMF last month in a scheduled repayment on the oil facility where Britain's debt now totals SDR750m (\$996m). Britain's total of overseas debt is still huge. If both principal and interest are included Britain now owes about \$30,000m abroad. The Chancellor said last June that the Government aimed to make substantial repayments of its foreign debt, continuing the programme of the previous government to pay back some debt early and thus lower the

amount due in the peak repayment years of the mid 1980s. Britain's reserves were also raised last month by the receipt

of SDR 304m (S392m) from the IMF. This was Britain's share of a three-year IMF programme to pay out SDRs to member countries. The final payment under this scheme will come into the reserves next January.

Rescuers search for seven

Seven people were trapped last night on Pen-y-ghent, a 2,273ft. peak in north Yorkshire near Horton in Ribblesdale. Three of the party, which had been involved in an avalanche, were believed to be injured. They were sheltering in a shooting box on the fell side, from a blizzard.

after avalanche

Wolves caught

graphs of injuries he said had been sustained by Mr Kelly. When asked about the decision that the Director of Public Pro-Six rimber wolves which secutions could not appear before the committee, Mr Banks said it was "another white-wash". escaped overnight from their compound at Whipsnade Zoo, Bedfordshire, were recaptured

Challenge to union over political levy

The Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs is being nical and Managerial Staffs is being challenged in the High Court over its decision to refuse to allow members to pay their political levy to the Conservative Party. The union is affiliated to the Labour Party. At issue is a circular signed by Mr Clive Jenkins, the unions' general secretary, in March, 1976, saying it as a condition of affiliation that the affiliate should not at the same time support any rival party. support any rival party

Power sharing claim

The impasse on power sharing at the Stormont constitutional conference was emphasized when the SDLP ame out against the return of majo-ity devolved government. It believes that only if Roman Catholics take part in government at executive level can they safeguard their rights, concept unacceptable to Unionists

Racal outbid by **GEC** for Decca

Attention in the takeover battle for Decca has switched to a possible reference to the Monopolies Commission after Sir Arnold Weinstock's General Electric Company made a formal £82.5m counter-bid for Decca against a £65m offer by Rocal. The issue would be merging GEC's and Decca's defence electronics.

Charter 77 growth

Charter 77, the Czech human rights tion reassessing its role and political aspirations in a European context. The signatories say the movement has grown in spite of repression

Judge wants inquiry

A call for an inquiry into why the Home Office ignored a probation officer's report recommending the return to jail of a man with a history of sexual attacks on young girls was made by Judge Meurig Evans at Mold Crown Court, Clwyd, after the man abducted two young girls Page 5

Bribes case inquiry by Congress The ethics committee of the House

of Representatives has been examin-ing for some time allegations of misconduct against some of the same members of Congress who are under scrutiny from the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their alleged involvement in a bribery scandal of Watergate proportions

Tote abuses

Misplaced enthusiasm by some em-ployees of the totalisator caused abuses and malpractices as a result of which dividends payable to pun ters were falsely reduced, an inde-pendent inquiry has found. There were no breaches of the law and no employee of the tote had sought personal gain Page 2 personal gain

Terror in Argentina

Two men who escaped from detention in Argentina have prepared a report, made public in London, documenting a "reign of terror" carried out by the Buenos Aires authorities. Systematic forture and murder of hundreds of political prisoners are alleged Page 6

Lady Summerskill dies, aged 78 Lady Summerskill has died from a

made statutory and thee be a further application for an inquests should be held. But extension to a final limit of 96

heart attack at her home in Highgate, north London. She was 78. She entered Parliament in 1938 and gave a lifetime of service to the Labour Party. She campaigned for women's rights and against smoking and boxing Civil Service warning: Union leaders

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No telephone tapping in tax inquiries

By Our Political Reporter Interception of relephone calls or mail was not used to assist Inland Revenue inquiries, Mrs Margaret Thatcher said yesterday.

She was replying in a letter to the Conservative MP Mr Geoffrey Dickens (Huddersfield, West) who had asked whether, in any circumstances Inland Revenue or VAT officers could be given authority to either bug (break and enter), tap telephones, intercept Royal Mail and use any such information recorded as evidence".

She replied that the type of serious crime which the Birketr Committee thought might justify the Customs and Excise seeking a warrant from the Home Secretary for interception was that of a case involving a which would seriously damage the revenue or the economy of the country if it went un-checked. That continued to be the criterion.

"The only use to which HM Customs and Excise have put

information obtained by these means is to assist the detection of serious cases; and it is for that purpose, and nor to provide evidence for use in court, that interception is atuborized."

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And it believes " the same dis-

regard for the rights of the

minority in housing jobs and recreation would apply at gov-

Power could not be returned

in the foreseeable future. "The activities of many councillors

are so bigoted and one-sided that even the very limited powers which councils have at

the moment are used in a dis-

criminatory manner."

For the sake of the community

in Northern Ireland, all pres-

sures to return functions to local

until there was evidence that

government had to be resisted

ermment level".

that devolved government at such important functions would

From Christopher Thomas

The Roman Catholic minority

in Northern Ireland last night

rejected any concept of power

devolution to the province un-

less it had a share in decision-

The Social Democratic and Labour Party, in a discussion document on local government,

said bluntly: "It would be a disastrous policy for any British

Government to allow a return

of majority devolved govern-ment in Northern Ireland under

Unionist control".

The paper, while not forming part of the SDLP's formal submissions to the constitutional conference being held at Stor-

mont, sets the tone unequivo-

cally. In essence, the party says

making at the highest level.

Misplaced enthusiasm | BSC to meet of tote employees is blamed for abuses

employee had benefited finan-

cially. "The abuses arose out

of misplaced enthusiasm by

some employees . . . who took

improper advantage of oppor-

tunities presented to them, be-

lieving that it was in the tote's interests to depress dividends."

comment vesterday on what

action had been taken against

any employees, but it is under-stood that two have been

after the disclosures of abuses

last July the totalisator has

altered its procedures so that

there can be no transmission of bets to the pool after the start of the race. He concludes that

the present system is fair.

The report says that there was an "unacceptably high incidence of clerical errors"

in collating bets for the dual

forecast pools-naming the first

two horses in a race—which led to a rechecking of bets if the winning dividend was ex-

"Advantage was taken of this recheck by some employees of Tote Credit Ltd to transmit to the pool further bets which

bore no relation to the bets received from clients and which

were intended to reduce artificially the dividend". An independent auditors' firm had found that 15 of 697 forecast

pools were affected, with divi-dends reduced by "a very large

Details given by the totalisator show, for instance, that at Salisbury on April 7, 1979,

the fourth race should have

produced a forecast dividend of

more than £62, but the divi-dend in fact declared was only

At Kempton on June 20, 1979, the first race dividend

was declared at £33, whereas it should have been £168. Other

ceptionally large.

amount.

suspended from duty.

The totalisator would not

Mr Aglionby points out that

An independent inquiry has found that because of "mis-placed enthusiasm" by some employees of the totalisator there were abuses and malpractices as a result of which dividends payable to punters were falsely reduced.

The report of Mr Francis Agliouby, a Crown Court Recorder, exonerates Mr Woodrow Wyatt, the totalisator chairman, members of the Totalisator Board and senior officials from knowledge of the abuses. There were no breaches of the law, it says.

The totalisator has announced that all backers snowing that they had incurred losses because of the malpractices have them made good, and has published details of 21 races during 1978 and 1979 where winning dividends were falsely

The inquiry by Mr Aglionby was set up after disclosures in The Sporting Life that off-course bets had been placed in a tote pool after the start of a race, and sometimes when the result was known.

In principle, dividends paid by the totalisator are supposed to be based on a calculation of winning bets as a proportion of total bets placed for that race, after administrative expenses are deducted.

Mr Aglionby concluded that in some cases of after-time bets, dividends were artificially depressed because only winning hers were placed in the pool, but losing bets were omitted, with the result that there was a greater proportion of winning hets to total bets, and therefore a smaller dividend.

The auditors also found that six of 995 win dividends (naming the winning horse only) £5.77, were distorted by malpractice, At but the differences were not as 1979, marked, the biggest discrep-ancy being £1.15 declared in-stead of £1.57.

comparisons are: £21 instead of £104, and £13 instead of Mr Aglionby's report says of that "these various malprac- 567.

unions for fresh peace talks desire for personal financial gain" and that no individual

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

British Steel executives and leaders of the two unions at the centre of the five-week state steel strike are to hold fresh talks tonight.

The discussions come after exploratory contacts yesterday between the corporation and the general secretaries of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation (ISTC) and the National Union of Blastfurnacemen. They are designed to lay the foundations for substantive wage negotia-

tions later this week. If the steelworkers' full negotiating team of 60 members is summoned to London for the first time since the strike began on January 2, it will be a token of progress in these "ralks about talks". Mr William Sirs, general secretary of the ISTC, is known to be keen to get an offer he can put to his negotiators.

But Mr Sirs and Mr Hector Swith, leader of the blastfurnacemen, remain committed to the bargaining formula of money on the table before they will open serious negotiations. The steelworkers said that

the resumed action in the pri-vate sector was practically solid A circular to all 800 ISTC branch secretaries revived the strike that was rendered illegal by the Court of Appeal and then found to be within the law by the Law Lords. Up to 20,000 steelworkers, in the private sector were instructed to withdraw their labour and invited to resume picketing " to prevent the movement of steel egardless of its origin".

Other unions were asked to reimpose their blacking of British Steel products and supplies. The plea is thought notably to refer to the National Union of Bailurgunger. Union of Railwaymen.

Soundings taken by officials at the ISTC headquarters suggest that the steam has not yet run out of the steel shutdown, which enters its sixth week tomorrow. Branch secretaries of the union report no difficulties in finding volunteers for
picket duties, Mr Harold
Feather, strike co-ordinator,
said: "Morale is still high".

In the wake of talks between
TUC leaders and senior Cabinet

ministers four days ago on the "rough vime" that might follow a breakdown in negotiations between the unions and BSC over the separate issue of steelwork closures, Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, met Mr George Wright, secretary of the Wales TUC yesterday.

No details were disclosed, but the TUC General Council is understood to be anxious

about the all-out strike being called by its regional arm in South Wales from March 10 over the chreatened rundown of Llanwern and Port Talbot

supplies held by wholesalers and retailers and that "there is no demand forecast. It was now able to meet only 70 per cent question of a shortage in the of demand for food cans. Metal Box buys 90 per cent weeks.

try. Some production workers work, ignoring pleas to join can apparently earn up to a year and they have a Workers gave several reasons profit-sharing scheme worth an yesterday why the strike call average of £100 a quarter.

R. W. Shakespeare writes from Shorton: More than 200 flying pickets from the hotton Steelworks, on Deeside, were involved in a joint operation with men from Liverpool and Manvolved in a joint operation with producing works near Brierley men from Liverpool and Man-chester yesterday in what was counted by the ISTC.

plant when the morning and where else in the steel indus. Arthur Osman writes from Birmingham: As an increased number of pickets from the

private sector tightened their grip on more than 70 stock-holding and private manufacturing and rerolding sites in the West Midlands yesterday, a suggestion that 3,000 workers at the Round Oak specialist steelcouncil committees.

unacceptable to the various Unionist parties, and reinforces the gravity of the impasse on power-sharing at the constitu-tional conference, which yesterday completed its tenth session. It concluded its study of the Alliance Party's ideas on innocuous nature of their given the return of major present powers and functions. functions, such councils as these devolved administration and is now looking at the SDLP's

The SDLP accused

Roman Catholics must have share in decision-making at executive level, document says

rejecting a return of powers from Westminster to Northern

Ireland under majority devolved

safeguard its rights.

submissions.

the lowest level, which would still involve substantial powers, would be exercised in a sectarian and discriminatory man
not be abused in the same way Unionist parties of setting their faces firmly against any form of partnership in the 26 local district councils. In many instances they had denied the representation of the minority in even the most trivial of

government. It believes that only the participation of the minority at executive level can Parmership and power-sharing had, however, flourished in a number of district councils, notably Derry, Down, and Newry That concept clearly is totally

and Mourne.

But councils such as Armagh,
Ballymena, Banbridge, Colersine, Cookstown, Craigavon, Larne and Limavady had maintained the sectarian attitudes and practices of the former local authorities in spite of the

" Gen-The document said: "Gen- would revert to the the erally speaking, in these discriminatory ways."

SDLP rejects return of full powers to Ulster councils and representation on committees, delegations and statu. tory bodies are excluded from representatives of the minority.

They also execute their functions in a biased manner such as seeking to influence staff appointments, discrimingtion in the affocation of council funds, the restriction and banning of the use of council facilities, and formation of politically divisive resolutions.

It is from these same councils that the main impetus for the return of former local authority powers also comes.

"All the indications are that given the return of major would revert to their former

Wales wins aid for new industries Continued from page 1 substantial programme of ad-Earlier, Sir Keith made clear that the decision of the House of Lords on Friday enabling workers at private steel com-panies to be called out in sup-port of the strike in the public

He issued a warning that the loss of business from the con-tinuing dispute in British Steel was putting firms and jobs at

sector in no way weakened the Government's determination not

taxpayers' money to assist the

Apart from vague pramises from Sir Keith that something would be done to help areas hardest hit once the steel dispute was sextled, this is the first signal from the Govern-ment that comprehensive plans on a national scale are being urgently prepared.

Marters under consideration are the assisted area status of the steel region to enable greater financial help, and the possibility of building advance factories with government

The aid announced yesterday, most of which will go to the Welsh Development Agency with smaller sums to other organizations such as the Cwmbran Development Corporation, comes on top of the £13m

spent by the Welsh Development Agency out of its own funds in areas affected by the

Keith said, that the corporation and the unions should end this self-destructive dispute quickly on terms which the industry could afford. Sir Keith stood firm against

British Steel's throat Mr Silkin claimed that the continuation of the strike into

of Sir Keith. The Secretary of State replied that it seemed deplorable that the law should allow the private steel sector, where there was no quarrel or dispute between employees and employers, to be called into the British Steel Corporation

Steel dispute.



Mr Derek Norton, chairman of the privately owned steel firm of Hadfields, Sheffield, with pickets outside the plant after the firm's directors decided to withhold tax payments.

Whitehall to | Membership issue a pay warning |for Nalgo

By David Felton Labour Reporter

Civil Service union leaders Government minister tomorrow to give warning that if the Cabinet imposed a cash limit on pay increases which fell below the 18 to 20 per cent suggested by independent pay research re-ports there would be industrial

The unions will see Mr Paul Channon, minister responsible for the Civil Service Department, armed with a decision to launch a £2m fighting fund to finance strikes and industrial

Ministers are worried at the prospect of widespread action by the Civil Service unions after the experiences of last spring, when the unions took selective industrial action which proved to be highly effective. The Prime Minister has

established two committees to draw up contingency plans to counteract any union disruption.

The union delegation will in-clude Mr William Kendall, secretary general of the staff side of the Civil Service National Whitley Council, and Mr Gerry Gillman, general sec-retary of the Society of Civil and Public Servants.

They will try to persuade Mr Changon that to fix a cash limit below the level of pay increases recommended by the Pay Research Unit will lead only to a hardening of attitudes among union members.

The Government has made clear that it intends to fix a cash limit, probably about 14 per cent, before the annual pay negotiations are completed. It is expected that an announcement will be made by the Civil Service Department during the

increase

year of existence.

Mr Geoffrey Drain, general secretary of Nalgo, announcing increase of

"People are not willing to be deceived. They realize that.

The union said that for the first rime women members outnumbered men, and there had been a large increase in the union's local government mem-

a membership increase of nearly 24,000, said: "Nalgo is not the only union to show gains. This completely contradicts the image the Government and the media like to depict of a majority opposed to trade

ridiculous for the Government to pretend that its virulent campaign against the unions is any thing but an underhand attempt to return employers to their nineteenth-century position of

Britain's fourth largest union, the National and Local Government Officers' Associa-tion announced yesterday that its membership was more than 750,000 in its seventy-fifth

with those already in member-ship with trade unions and their families, they are a ma-

Mr Drain added: "It is

By Our Labour Staff

Workers continue to defy order to join strike The threatened mass picket separated from its organization described as "a major show of strength to try to stop all steel The vals oppointed out that

The steel strike yesterday

began to affect output at Metal

Box, an important supplier of cans for the food and beverage

market, but food manufacturers said there was no immediate threat of a shortage.

In an effort to prevent panic buying, the Food Manufac-turers' Federation emphasized that there were sufficient stocks

of timplate to fill retailers

Seasonal scarcities of fresh

food boost demand for canned products at this time of year

creased stocks of timplate. The

federation said its estimate of

month's stock was exclusive of

shelves for at least a month.

but manufacturers corry

Steelworkers in a private company at Sheerness, Isle of Sheppey, yesterday continued to defy their union's instruction to join the national steel strike, in spite of a warning of mass picketing at the plant.

Iron and Steel Trades Confederation officials at Sheerness Steel, reprsenting 400 members there, said instructions for them to join the strike had still not arrived and their men were reand only 15 striking steelmen The yals opointed out that from Scunthorpe were at the they are better paid than any-plant when the morning and where elements in the area. afternoon shifts walked in to

has been ignored at Sheerness. They are isolated from the main steel areas of Britain and, as the plant was only started in 1972, they have no traditional link either with the steel industry or their union and feel

Metal Box feels effect of strike

likelihood of a shortage of beer

Less than 10 per cent of beer consumed in Britain is in cans

and producers have about two months' stock of tinplate. "We

also bave the advantage of be-

ing able to put our product in

glass containers

Metal Box, which employs
34,000 workers in the United
Kingdom, said it was laying
off 2.500 people at five plants
in its open top division, but
workers were being given the
option of taking up to a week's
paid holiday.

The company said that up to two weeks ago it was supplying customers with 20 to 30 per cent more timplate cans than

elass containers

paid holiday.

of its timplate from the British Steel Corporation. The rest is

mported So far we have not got to

the stage of closing whole fac-

tories, but can lines are being closed down because there is

not enough work, and there is every possibility that things; will get worse as the days go by". Metal Box added. Extension of the steel strike

to the independent steel makers

poses a greater threat to output

at car and engineering factories,

many of which were relying on supplies from private steel-

works to maintain production and avoid layoffs. Sir John Methven, director

general of the Confederation of British Industry, said there was no question but that the coun-try could "grind to a halt" within the next three or four

Unions fear £48m is not enough From Tim, Jones

The Wales Trade Union Congress said yesterday it doubted whether the £48m the Government is to give to the Welsh Development Agency to promote jobs in areas affected by the steel cuts in South Wales will be enough.

be made redundant under the British Steel Corporation's plans for reducing capacity at Llanwern and Port Talbot, and the TUC claims that that could lead to a loss of 50,000 jobs.

A spokesman for the TUC said: "Obviously any money is welcome, but this sum is put

into perspective when set against an industry report pub-lished last year which shows that an expenditure of £222m on 152 projects produced 8,790 jobs. On that basis £48m will produce only 20 per cent of that total.

well spent."
Mr Michael Rush, chief executive of the West Glamorgan tributed.

factories with government money. Direct financial aid, as in the case of Wales, is also being studied.

allocated for Shorton.

An additional £12m is to be

closures.
It was in the interest of all

accusations from Mr Silkin, Opposition industry spokesman, that he was "cutting

its sixth week was the result of the inaction and complacency

Parliamentary report, page 12

Husband tells why marriage went sour

ing his wife, said at Nortingham Crown Court yesterday that his marriage "turned sour" after he had a vasectomy, "the physical side of our marriage broke down completely", he added. "She lost all interest in

sexual activity."

Adrian Krill, aged 26, said his wife aged 23, mother of two children, took a teenage lover, became pregnant and left him

and the children. Later she promised to return and start a

Mr Brian Farrer, QC, for the prosecution, said that when she changed her mind, Mr Krill, of Aberporth Drive, Birchwood Estate, Lincoln, tried to strangle her and then killed her with a carving knife in a fit of jealous rage.

Counsel said that in a statement to the police Mr Krill said

By Geraldine Norman

MP for Pontypool.

The Algardi bust of Mgr

Cerri has found a new champion in Mr Leo Abse, Labour

Mr Abse has always been a

strong advocate of auction bid-

ding legislation to rid his South

Wales constituency and the West of England in general of

liamentary question to clarify the legal position in the light

of Agnew's statement at the end

the scourge of auction rings. Yesterday he tabled a par-

home, where his wife told him she had changed her mind about returning home. "That was when I knew I was going to kill her". he was alleged to have said. Mr Farrer said Mr Krill his her, banged her head a carving knife.

Question on Algardi bust

tabled by Mr Abse

on the floor, tried to strangle her and then stabbed her with The trial continues today.

He asked the Minister for the Arts: "What consultations he has had with the Reviewing

Committee on the Export of Works of Art relating to the Algardi bust and whether the

export of art treasures from

Britain is facilitated by the present operation of the Auctions (Bidding Agreements) Act, 1927. The question is due

The bust was bought for £165,000 (including premium) at Christie's auction at North

for answer in February 18.

for the prosecution, said the boy told the police: "He said he would give me a good thrashing. I must have not into a panic and Istabbed him." The boy, from Harrogate, north Yorkshire, admitted the manslaughter of a housemaster

Mr Hutchinson said the the dormitory and struck the boy a number of times, took hold of him by the hair, and pulled him out of the room.

dial directly.

Care order on bov who killed master

A schoolboy aged 14, accused of killing his housemaster at a boarding school, told the police later that he thought he was gonig to be reaten with a belt, it was stated at Leeds Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Arthur Hutchinson, OC.

at Ermysted's Grammar School. Skipton, west Yorkshire. Mr Justice Park made a care order.

housemaster was not satisfied with a letter of apology the boy had written. He screwed it up. struck the boy and ordered him to go away and write another one. Later the master entered Last quarter: February 9

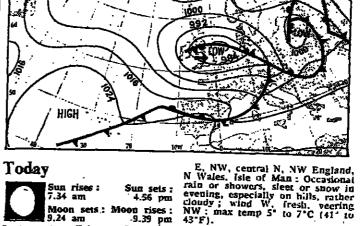
Direct calls to Poland Poland vesterday became the phone subscribers in Britain can

leading advertisements. If the recommendations are accepted, the resulting legisla-tion would give the Office of Fair Trading power to apply for injunctions to stop advertisements that seek to deceive

The Commission's proposals writt have been criticized by the had British advertising industry intended the House of Lords Select day. the stance of the EEC Commission, which in a draft directive has called for complete statutory controls on advertising.

regulatory system.

up after Mr Roy Hattersley, the former Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, called for the introduction of a number of statutory measures, including power to instructed offending advertisers to publish corrections.



Sun sels: 4.56 pm Lake District, NE England.
Borders, SW Scotland: Occasional
sleet or snow, some heavy on
hids with blizzards possible,
cloudy, hill log; wind variable,
becoming N. (resh to strong, perhaps gale; max temp 2° to 3°C
(36° to 37°F). Lighting up: 5.26 pm to 7.02 am

Edinburgh, Dundee, Aderdeen, Glasgow, central Highlands, Argyll: Periods of sleet or snow, blizzard in places, especially on bills, dull, hill fog; wind E to NE, strong to gale, severe on hills; max temp 2° to 3°C (36° to 37°F). Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland: Occasional sleet or snow, some bright intervals in N possible later; wind E to NE, strong to

Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Slasgow, central Highlands,

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, East Anglia, Midlands,
S Wales: Blustery showers, some
prolonged with local thunder,
rather cloudy, a few bright or
sunuy intervals in places: wind
W, stron gto gale; max temp 7°
to 8°C (45° to 46°F).
SE, central S and SW England,
Channel Islands: Blustery
showers, some prolonged with gale : max temp 2° to 3°C (36° Orkney, Shedand : Bright Intertals and wintry showers; wind E to NE, fresh to strong, gale in places; max temp 1° to 2°C (34° N Ireland: Occasional rain turn-

Chaunel Islands: Blustery showers, some prolonged with local thunder, rather cloudy, a few bright intervals; wind W, gale, severe to storm near coasts; max temp 8" to 10"C ing to sleet or snow, mostly WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; d, drizzle ; f, fair ; r, rain ; s, sun ; sl, sleet ; sn, snow.



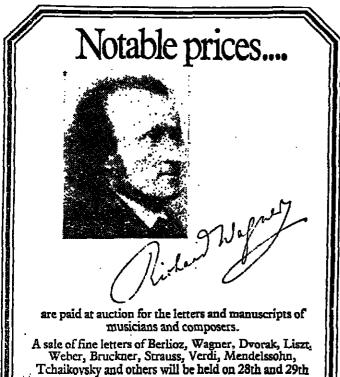


fresh, occasionally strong; m temp 3° to 4°C (37° to 39°F). Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Becoming colder and brighter with winnry showers especially in E. with widespread frost; less cold in W later, with cloud and rain.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8°C (46°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3°C (37°F). Humidiry, 5 pm. 92 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm. nil. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm. nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 997... millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.





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of last week claiming that its Mymms in September by three-way partnership when Agnew's, Artemis and Eugene bidding for the Algardi bust Thaw acting in partnership. New advertising control law urged

By Our Business News Staff An official working party report to be published next week will urge the Government to create statutory controls to prevent the publication of mis-

the public. The report does not support

Under the working party's proposals, the Advertising Standards Authority would continue to act as a self-regulatory body involving all sections of the advertising industry in policing standards.

The report's supporters argue that its proposed combination of a self-regulatory system backed by legal powers is a fairer and more efficient method of control than the allembracing judicial system proposed by the Commission.

Communities on the European Communities, which called for the maintenance of a self-The working party was set

To publish corrections.

Mr Reginald Eyre, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Trade, said in a written reply vesterday that he had received the report and intended to publish it on Monday.

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A deep and vigorous depression will move steadily E across N England.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

More than 10,000 men are to

Agency will have to improve on its track record of attracting industry if this money is to be

County Council, which includes Port Talbot, welcomed the news, but said he wanted details of how the money was to be dis-

He hoped a large part would go towards attracting industry to the council's development site

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Union challenged over refusal to allow its members to pay levy to Conservative Party

The Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, with a membership of 450,000, was challenged in the High Court yesterday over its refusal to allow members to pay their political levy to the Conservative Party on the grounds that the union is affiliated to the Labour Party.

Mr Ernest Parkin, a senior technologist at Kodak Ltd, Harrow, and an ASTMS member, is suing the union before Mr Justice Woolf for a declaration that members of his branch are entitled to give their political levies to the Conservafor an order that the levy be handed over to the branch. Mr Hugo Page, for Mr Parkin,

Mr Hugo Page, for Mr Parkin, said that under the union's rules any branch was entitled to a return of one third of the total of its political levy, which was paid into the political fund at the union's head office.

ASTMS officials had refused

to pay over the sum, a nominal £10 in the case of the Harrow branch, because the members wished to give it to the Con-servative Party to encourage the aims and policies of Con-servative trade unionists.

In answer to the branch, the ASTMS officials had sent a copy of a circular dated March, 1976, and signed by Mr Charles

Jenkins, the union's general secretary. It said:
"Some queries have arisen recently as to whether political

fund money may be spent in support of parties other than the Labour Party. The auswer is that it may not."

The union's annual conference had decided some time before to affiliate to the Labour Party and it was a condition of affiliation that an affiliate must any rival electoral party,

"Thus, although the rules do not themselves limit political restricted to promoting the

Minister warns

council over

big rates rise

From Our Correspondent

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, indicated yesterday that he would act against the Labour-controlled Lothian Regional Council if, as has been forecast,

it raises rates by about half.

After talks in Edinburgh

with Mr John Crichton, reg-ional convener, councillors and senior officials, Mr Younger said he had been "disturbed by the council" reported plans. "I told the deputation that in my view a rates increase of any-

thing like this sort of figure is simply nor on."

Mr Younger said he hoped

the region would reconsider. He

had told the deputation of the

powers he possessed to make

some savings for ratepayers, Mr Younger said he hoped

he would not have to use them but that he would do so if big

Mr Crichton said later that a final decision had not been

made. The final figure would

not be known until next week.

Our Grimsby Correspondent

writes: Ratepayers in Cleethorpes, Humberside, face an increase of 25 per cent. The rate will probably be 19.76p in

Our Nottingham Correspondent writes: Nottinghamshire County

Council said yesterday that the and Spencer, who is new rate would be 91p up at the Prime Minister of 841p, an increase of just over government waste

increases emerged.

the pound.

fund expenditure to the Labour interest of one political party, Party, the declaration of the and therefore your politician

Mr Page argued that there was nothing, however, in the Labour Party constitution that made that a condition of affiliation. The case raised the principle, he said, of the extent to which union branches were

autonomous and entitled to make their own decisions. He continued: "I do not say a union branch is wholly autonomous, or that it can deal with its own funds or members as it wishes, with no regard to the union. But I would not say it can act only on the direction of the national executive and that all its acts are subject to the

executive's approval."

Mr Robert Turner, for the union, said that the annual conference was the policy-making body of the union. The union's rules were the lifeless skeleron of the union's body. The NEC must have regard to the decisions of the annual conference when carrying out its duties. If the annual conference re-

commended that the union affiliate to a body, and that proposal was endorsed by the executive, then the union had to incorporate all the obliga-tions of that affiliation and ecome subject to the rules of that body, he said.
"You cannot have a situation

where the same organization is supporting two diametrically opposed political beliefs", Mr urner said. Mr Justice Woolf questioned

the authority of the view that in joining another body the rules of a union became subject to a more restrictive inter-

The unit had been told to

suspend operations until April because of lack of funds but the British Kidney Patients'

Association then provided sub-stantial cash aid.

One patient given a kidney

was an emergency case and the

others would not have survived until April, Mr Michael Bewick, consultant transplant

surgeon for Kent, Surrey and Sussex, said. All three were

"On Friday we had 16

patients waiting for transplants,

12 of whom would not have seen April 1" he added.

Wavmark

The Department of Transport

is conducting an internal in-

quiry into ways of stopping the widespread evasion of car tax.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Minister

of Transport, expects to receive

a report by the middle of May.

The inquiry was instigated by Sir Derek Rayner, the joint managing director of Marks

and Spencer, who is advising the Prime Minister on reducing

The department estimates

Motoring Correspondent

Peter

The kidney association is

Three transplants at unit

Three kidney transplant willing to provide £5,000 a operations were carried out last transplant and the hospital is weekend in the kidney unit at to be allowed to carry out 16 Dulwich Hospital, London.

with cash difficulties

annual delegate conference to affiliate to the Labour Party does."

Mr Page argued that there funds can be used only for promoting the political objects of that body. What authority is there for that."

Mr Turner said he could not quote an authority but would research the question. He argued further that when Astms members chose to pay the political levy (£1.20 a year), which was optional, then they knew full well on what the money would be spent.

The judge said the case rested on whether Mr Jenkins

was right in his circular. There is clearly a question of principle as to whether or not the fact that the annual con-ference decides to become affiliated, and then does so, restricts the use of branch poli-tical funds to support other

The case could lead to large sums of money at present in the Astms political fund being demanded by Conservative demanded by Conservative branches for financing their Mr Parkin said it had arisen

because he had decided to stand up and be counted. His standard of living at the time was being eroded by the poli-cies of the last government. Rather than opting out of paying the levy, as most of the 200 members of his branch had done, he decided to pay it to bring about change from the

inside.

At a meeting held in 1978 of 10 of the 16 levy-paying members, a resolution was passed by six to four asking the union executive to refund the one-third of the levy to which they were entitled so that the money could go to the Conservative Party to "promote better understanding of the policies and aims of Conservative trade unionists".

The hearing continues today.

the year. Mr Bewick said that the

patients waiting for operations were being treated temporarily at a cost of £1,200 a day for

There are 1,700 people

this country waiting for a kid-ney, and if we keep getting people coming in at the same rate we shall be in real trouble

The commissioners appointed by the Government to run

Lewisham Area Health Authority had told the Duwich unit

at Christmas to suspend trans-

plants because it had spent twice it £200,000 budget.

that evasion of car tax is run-

ning at between 7 and 9 per

cent, with an annual loss of revenue of £5001-£60m. The inquiry will look at the method of vehicle licensing and its

enforcement to see where im-

An attack on evasion was a likely consequence of the Government's decision not to

proceed with the Labour Government's plan to abolish

car tax and raise the money in-stead through extra duty on

provements can be made.

Ministry drive to stop car tax evasion

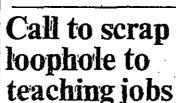
Southwark

by April

loophole to teaching jobs By Our Education Correspondent

the past five years.

In 1975, 342 graduates, including 151 mathematicians and 79 physicists, went into teaching in that way. By last September the number had fallen to 118, including only 55 mathematicians physicists.



Poison check: Firemen in protective

gear yesterday examining a canister marked with skull and crossbones

after it was washed ashore on the Isle of Wight. Twenty canisters of arsenic

The number of mathematics and science graduates who go straight into teaching through the so-called "Thatcher loophole", exempting them from formal training qualifications, has dropped by two thirds over the past five years.

The special route was opened by Mrs Margaret Thatcher in 1973, when she was Secretary of State for Education, to induce more badly needed mathematics and science mathematics and scient specialists to go into schools.

Professor Edward Wragg, head of department of educa-tion at Exeter University, called yesterday for the aboli-tion of the scheme. Studies had shown that those untrained teachers were the most likely to drop out of the profession, and the least likely to make competent teachers, he said.

Meanwhile Mr Fowler has

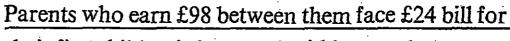
announced a series of cam-

paigns by the police to catch

tax dodgers in selected areas. The aim is first to encourage

evaders to tax their cars volun-

tarily and then to take action



their five children's fares and midday meals

trichloride, which gives off poison

fumes if exposed, have been washed up

from the Greek cargo ship Aeolian Sky, which sank in the Channel off Portland

£3.50 a week school bus proposal

By Diana Geddes Education Correspondent

A mother of five children who may soon have to pay £14 a week for school bus fares will be among hundreds of parents and children planning to demonstrate today in protest against school transport char-ges proposed by Kent County

At present transport is free for children who live farther from school than the statutory limit of two miles for those under eight, and three miles for those aged eight and over.
The Government's Education

Bill, which last night completed its committee stage, would give local authorities the power to charge what they wish for school transport except that children in families in receipt of Supplementary Benefit or Family Income Supplement would be allowed to travel

charge of £3.50 a week for secondary school pupils and £2.50 for primary pupils—£133 and £95 respectively a year— is more than double what most and f95 respectively a year— know who you can trust any is more rhan double what most other authorities plan to charge. know who you can trust any more. It really all makes you other authorities plan to charge. The proposal is subject to ratification by the full council at the best for our children, one its meeting on February 21.

"We very much want to do school by car should receive a substantial allowance, the is musically gifted, but what Today อนอปิร attending can we do?

Angley secondary school, at Cranbrook, Kent, will walk up to 10 miles to the school from their homes in outlying villages instead of taking the normal school bus. Their parents will accompany them, Local farmers Roman plan to lead some of the schools,

Mrs Edith Collins, who lives at Frittenden, five miles from Craubrook, will have four of her five children at secondary schools at Craubrook next September. That could mean £14 a week or £532 a year for transport, plus another £10 a week for school meals (Kent plans to pur up the cost of a plans to pur up the cost of a school meal to 50p in Septem-ber), all to come out of a weekly take-home pay of £98.

Mrs Collins's husband works at a plastics factory, and fares there cost him about £16 a week. Mrs Collins works 21 hours a week as the caretaker at the village school, but there is talk of cutting her working time as part of the savings to be made in the education

The Collins have mortgage payments of nearly £20 a week and the food bill usually comes

"I am normally a Tory voter". Mrs Collins said yester-day, "but I do not think I shall vote for them again. You do not

Father Hine, the Roman Catholic Church's representa-tive on the Kent education committee, said that the pro-posed charges would have a devastating effect on the Roman Catholic secondary schools, some of which had

more than 80 per cent of their pupils now travelling free to schools, like " Some Anselm's comprehensive school,

trade in the island are worried that

chemicals from the ship will be float-

ing ashore at the start of the holiday

season. Mr Ewen Brenchley, tourism

Anselm's comprehensive school, in Canterbury, could be facing slow and lingering deaths.

Kent's four Conservative MPs, concerned about the anger created by the proposals, met in the House of Commons on Thursday to discuss the proposals with Conservative posals with Conservative leaders of the county council. Mr John Wells, MP for Maidstone, said yesterday that he was appalled by the high charges proposed. Kent had been "increditly foolish and tactless in jumping the gun"

before the relevant clause in the Education Bill bad even reached the committee stage.
Mr John Barnes, chairman of Kent education committee, has agreed to see a deputation of parents from Angley School to-morrow. He is believed to be considering charging school transport for only two children in each family; the others would travel free.

The present proposals would save an estimated £2m a year
It is also proposed that
parents taking their children to amount depending on the dis-tance travelled, the length of the term and the age of the

Parents living four miles from the school, for example, would be eligible next term for a grant of £23.10 for a secondary school pupil and £10.30 for a primary

By Our Education

Independent schools offer

10,000 places for scheme

The team who listen for silent

letters By Kenneth Gosling It is absolutely official tha the way to pronounce to Irish Prime Minister's name i "Haw-hee", the BBC has learn from painful experience. Earlier they had decide there were two ways to sair and settled for "Hochi the "ch" being soft as i "loch". Complaints arrive and the BCs Promucialis

Unit wrote to his office. Whice was it, they asked, and the answer was "neither". That kind of situation fairly commonplace for the un which has two small offices at a staff of four (at prese three) in Broadcasting House including Mr Graham Points the pronunciation adviser, wi became its head last year. I is the first professional lingui

to run the unit for more the The corporation is extreme conscious of its duty to mai tain a high standard of Englis which is why it is incumbe on announcers and newsreade to abide by the unit's rulings. could prove embarrassing they do not. Kabul is a rece they do not hank as a rece example of a place name who pronunciation stirred conside able feeling a few listene even making abusive telephoi

calls to the unit. calls to the unit.

There are cases where, if name is read wrongly, the meaning is not only differe but can be insulting.

Take "Qotbzadeh", the name of Iran's Foreign Ministry which is pronounced with "dbz" in the middle. The undecided that a newsread would be more confortable so

would be more comfortable a ing "god-bzaadeh", but then discovered that the hyphen m-come after the "b", others, it means something rude.

Mr Pointon diplomatically broadcaster; he thinks star ards are extremely high a observes that it would be wro

and unfair to apply the sat. yardstick to the Jimmy You Show as you would to, say, Radio 3 news bullerin. "The announcers are unc terrible pressure sometimes a we can get a query on a na only two minutes before a b

letin goes out." The way the use of langue shifts and evolves is under o stant scrutiny by the unit Wincreased travel, people been more aware of foreign plinames. The unit telephormany travel agents to find how they pronounce the nam of some resorts. It also s great store by what the specists in the BBC's World Serv

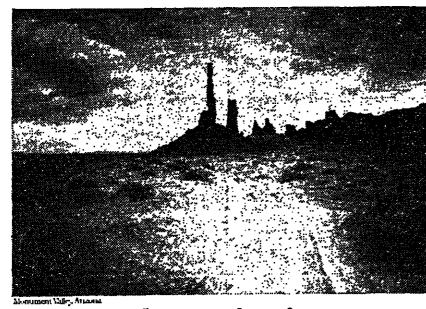
have to say.

The unit always tries establish with an individe played for Wales) how he is his name. That one was i nounced "Krizwikki". Fi names are harder; there Mr Pointon says, 3,000 mill of them in the world, any of which an airliner could it.

There have been happ difficulties, though. A piece music was written and build cast, dedicated to Thea Ki

Houkani.
As the unit gets all Radio 3 scripts to pore or they queried the name. Was by any chance, a Sank word? It was the name of It King's cat. When it first walk through her door unamount everyone there said "Who che be?" and most of it stu

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and sentenced at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for his part in a raid on an American oil executive and his

During the raid, 11 months ago, Mr William Kuhn, aged 38, was said to have been beaten and kicked and had a gag forced down his throat with a stick, and his wife, aged 36, and daughter Kim, aged 14, were threatened with rape.

Joseph McCormack, aged 25, a carpenter, who was said to have stopped his accomplices from even further violence, was

from even further violence, was jailed by Judge Buzzard for four years.

Mr McCormack, of Campana Road, Fulham, London, was found guilty of robbing both Mr and Mrs Kuhn at their Chelsea flat. A charge of causing grievous bodily harm was left on the file.

A climber was ordered by a fastidious landlord recently to

remove his hat in the lounge of

a highland hotel because hats were not allowed to be worn in his lounge. The man did so,

uncovering a head bristling with electrodes.

"My dear chap," the landlord

The next day a second

climber entered, Lat in hand,

head similarly covered with a tangle of wires and terminals. Several wiry fronds were wound

over his ears and tucked down

"Stand easy," the climber said to the startled landlord,

we're British Army brain

the front of his shirt.

said, "I'm most terribly sorry. Put your hat back on, sit down

and have a drink."

tarily and then to take action against those who do not. The first target area is Nottinghamshire, where motorists who do not pay the tax by February 15 have been warned that they face prosecution. Department of Transport enforcement staff will be working with the police **Petition urges** continuation of meals subsidy By a Staff Reporter A petinon with 162,000 signatures, urging the Government to drop clauses in its Education

Bill that remove from local authorities the duty to provide subsidized school meals and transport, was handled in at Downing Street yesterday.

One of those presenting it, Mr Peter Richards, an argicul-tural worker from Stapleford Tawney, near Romford, Essex, said he would take his five sons, aged five to 14, away from school in April if Essex County Council went ahead with plans to increase school meal prices from 15p to 50p a day and week and I just cannot afford it." He was prepared to go it." He was prepared to go to prision, if need be, should the court order his children to school. court order him to send his

Coconut slide

find if high life peaks the brain

The A52, near Ashbourne, Derbyshire, remained closed yesterday nearly three days after thousands of gallons of coconut oil spilled on the road

pedition which leaves this week for Nepal to climb a remote peak in the Byas Rikli Himsi

called Api. They will cooperate in a Royal Army Medical Corps project to discover whether the brain function deteriorates at

high altitude and if so, by how

much and whether permanently.

Portable electro-encephalo-

raphs attached to the chest and

kead will provide a constant

record while the climbers scale

the south face of the 23,399 ft

mountain Alpine-style by an un-

Major Sir Crispin Agnew of

Lochnaw, Royal Highland Fusi-

liers, leader of the 13-man team,

said the recorders were tested

for comfort in the Scottish hills and found to be successful.

"People who saw the wires

climbed route.

They were from the Army looked a lot more uncomfort-

Hostesses at club 'ladies not trollops?

Hostesses at Churchills Club, in London, were ladies and not trollops, a man who said he had been a customer at the club for many years said at Knightsbridge Crown Court yesterday.
Mr John Monks, of Hampstead, London, owner of an import and export fashion business, said he had been going to Churchills Club since the end of the war and none of the

of the war and none of the hostesses there had ever propositioned him or any of his companions in the bar.

Mr Monks, aged 67, was giving evidence for the defence in the trial of Harry Meadows, aged 63, and his son, Andrew, aged 38, directors of Churchills and the 21 Club, both in Mayfair, who deny living off the immoral earnings of prostitutes

immoral earnings of prostitutes between 1975 and 1977.

Mr Brian O'Hanlon, a free-lance journalist, said Churchills was among the very best of clubs, if not the best, He was asked by Mr Richard Du Cann, for the defence, if he would recommend Churchills to a man seeking a prostitute. seeking a prostitute.

Mr O'Hanlon replied: "I would not think of Churchills in that connexion at all.".

The trial continues today.

Hats off to the Army's experiment to

to the mountain they chose to climb. Analytab Products Inc (Api) of Long Island, United

States, makers of systems used to identify bacteria, has pro-

mised to give £6,000 towards the expedition's costs so that its

products might appear on Api.

AMA's successful Everest climb was sponsored by the double-glazing company of that

Rumours that a corporal in

Aldershot is comparing a direc-tory of companies and a

mountain gazeteer of the world,

picking suirably eponymous

peaks, are flarly denied.

Correspondent A total of 371 independent A total of 371 independent schools have so far provisionally offered just over 10,000 places for pupils participating in the Government's assisted places scheme. Places for boys and girls are roughly evenly balanced, but there are wide regional variations. Mr Rhodes

regional variations, Mr Rhodes Boyson, Under-Secretary for Education, said yesterday.

Mr Boyson said, in a Commons written answer to Mr Nigel Spearing, Labour MP for Newham, South, that up to yesterday schools had offered 4,385 places a year for boys, 4,087 places for girk, and 1,748 places at mixed schools.

In the East Midlands 15 places at mixed schools.

In the East Midlands, 15 schools have offered 233 places: in Wales, 15 schools have offered 440 places; and in East Anglia, 18 schools have offered 351 places. That compares with 136 schools in the South-east, which have offered 3,811 places, and 50 schools in the North-west, which have offered 2,149 places. offered 2,149 places.

Figures for other regions are as follows: Northern, 19 schools, 408 places; Yorkshire

and Humberside, 27 school 517 places; West Midlands, schools, 1,177 places; Son west, 57 schools, 1,134 places. The Government sent lett to more than 1,000 independs schools on December 6 ask them to indicate whether principle they would be inter ted in participating in tacheme, and to say how map places they would offer easyear. The schools were asked

reply by January 31, althou Mr Boyson expects that mo As originally proposed, t Government's scheme wou have started in Septembr 1981, with 10,000 to 15,0 pupils. However, the Government has decided to halve to £6m which was to have be made available in the first Je and to offer places to on

some 6,000 papils.

Mr Boyson said it was be early to say how many of the schools which have offer places would meet the Government. ment's requirements. It is also be expected that some those offering places in priciple will drop out when the learn the details of the scheme

Charred bodies tound on cliff

Two charred bodies were found yesterday in a burnt-out car at the top of a remote 250ft cliff near Portreath, in North Cornwall. A scientific examination of the Renault 16 car and able than we were", he said. The main aim of the expedition is to train a strong nucleus of Army climbers for an ambithe bodies was made.

Devon and Cornwall police
said: "We don't know how long tious programme of expeditions by the AMA in the 1980s. The team flies out to Kathmandu financially secure thanks

the bodies have been there

A pilot suffered only cuts at bruises yesterday when the ne. £250,000 aircraft he was landing at Leeds and Bradford at port during a blizzard slither off the property. off the runway. It ploughed through a feat ripping off a wing, and came rest on the Harrogate to Bra

Pilot hurt in

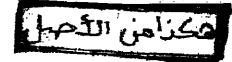
David Robert Owen, aged 25, victim, aged 20, consented in Automobile Association Mr Justice Kenneth Jones atrolman, who was jailed for sitting with Lord Justice Walks an Automobile Association patrolman, who was jailed for life for the rape and robbery of and Mr Justice Milmo, sat a girl driver whose car had roday that the evidence into broken down, had his sentence cated that Mr Owen had the cated varied to seven years' imprisonment by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Mr Owen, of River Avenue, time. The is hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, was jailed at St Albans Crown Court on May 9 last after a for robbery jury rejected his claim that the

AA man's life sentence cut

ford road.

strong sex drive, but not the he was likely to remain danger to women for a time. The indeterminate sentence was inappropriate. Owen's concurrent life senten for robbery was reduced



'ignored report on attacker?

menace, with a history of sexual attacks against young girls, struck again after being released on licence from a life prison sentence, it was stated at Mold Crown Court, Clwyd, westerday.

at Moid Crown Court, Ciwyd, yesterday.

Judge Meurig Evans called for an investigation into why the Home Office ignored a probation officer's report that John Victor Subrenski should be returned to jail, four months before he abducted two young oirls.

Judge Evans said he echoed Judge Evans said he echoed the probation officer's rhoughts that Mr Subrenski, aged 64, father of five children, should not be released "as long as his health and strength lasts".

The court was told that the two oirle aged cann and eight two girls, aged seven and eight, were saved from possible permanent harm by a young couple who followed Mr Subrenski's car and informed the police.

the police.
Mr Subrenski, unemployed, of Douglas Grove. Darwen, Lan-cashire, was jailed for four years after admitting two charges of abduction. The prosecution accepted his pleas

prosecution accepted his pleas of not guilty to two more charges, which were alternatives, of child stealing.

Mr Subrenski, who was born in New York, asked for a further offence of common assault on a girl of 10 at Shrewsbury on January 16 last year to be considered.

Mr David Hale, for the prosecution, said: "The defendant has a serious and long history

secution, said: "The defendant has a serious and long history of offences against young girls. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1957 for an offence of carnal knowledge on a girl of nine. He was released on licence from the life sentence in April, 1977.

"Both these offences being heard today took place on September 4 last year. On September 7, in consequence, the Home Office revoked his licence and the defendant is

licence and the defendant is now in prison again serving a life sentence."

Mr Elgan Edwards, for the defence, said that recommendations by Mr Ellis Chapman, a Lancashire County Council pro-bation officer, that the accused should be returned to prison had been ignored. He added: "The Home Office must bear a very substantial responsi-bility in allowing this man the opportunity to commit offences of this nature".

Mr and Mrs Richard Stevens, of Prince Edward Avenue, Rhyl, who followed Mr Subrenski after he had got one girl into his car, were praised by Judge Evans and awarded £50 each out of public funds.

Staff Reporter Neither the Home Office nor a Parole Board panel had con-sidered Mr Subrenski's recall-justified, but his licence was revoked as soon as his conduct gave real cause for concern, the Home Office said last night.

Home Office | Whitehall brief: Sir Leo Pliatzky, trenchant 'rhino' of the Treasury

Counter-puncher quits the subfusc ring

By Peter Hennessy
When Sir Leo Pliatzky left the Treasury in 1977 to become Permanent Secretary at the Department of Trade his friend, Sir Lawrence Airey, bought a poster of a rhinoceros as a farewell card. All the top economic policy makers signed it, from Mr Demis Healey down. At the bottom, in bold type, there was an inscription that read: "I may have my faults, but being wrong is not one of them."

and the state of the

It now hangs in his Thames-side flat in Southwark, to which he repaired last week on his retirement from the Civil Ser-vice. By the subfusc standards of Whitehall, Sir Leo is un-forgettable. forgettable.

A private chat with him was quite free of the circumlocutions and double negatives that normally blight senior Civil Service conversation. The usual adjectives like "direct" or "salty" are too soft to describe Sir Leo in full cry. As Sir Lawrence's rhino shows, most people loved him for it people loved him for it.
Sir Leo was one of the recent

vintage of permanent secre-taries who entered Whitehall in the postwar "reconstruction competitions" after a period in

competitions after a period in the Forces. They were, by to-day's jaundiced standards, an idealistic generation. Sir Leo recalls:

We did believe in public service, which does not necessarily mean a lot of nationalization and controls. We were conscious that our country had done a great thing in the war. We thought we could do great things in the peace. There is a certain sense of disappointment and frustration, looking back. As a country we have declined relatively in power and strength. Nevertheless, the face of society has changed, materially

and socially, certainly for the better in most respects.

Great things for Sir Leo had to wait for a few years. In 1948, his second year as a civil servant, he learnt a sharp lesson in political reality.

As head of branch in the animal feedingstuffs division of the Ministry of Food, it fell to Sir Leo to supervise the decontrol of "national pizzon

control of food ".

Outraged pigeon fanciers, mainly from the north, where he had grown up, swamped Sir Leo's branch with 50,000 let-

ters of protest.

In 1950 Sir Leo joined the
Treasury and began to develop
his distinctive style, which he
describes as "counter-punching", reacting to the ideas and drafts of others. His worst year as an official was 1976, when sterling collapsed. At the end of 1975 he had been pro-moted to the second permanent moted to the second permanent secretaryship in charge of public spending, which was out of control. It took a great deal of "counter-punching" for Sir Leo to set it right. Treasury ministers and Sir Leo had stopped the rot by the time the International Monetary Fund arrived in London in the autumn. He is cautiously revealing about that annus horrendus.

rendus.

The IMF were requiring further cuts. It is common knowledge that the Labour Cabinet was deeply divided. It was quite vital that we should get a set of measures that would enable us to get the IMF loan, the key to getting other and bigger credits. It was equally crucial that the package should be acceptable to the Cabinet. The tension was between the two things and the Treasury had to bring them together. If the government had fallen under rendus.



Sir Leo Pliatzky: More than salty in full cry.

foreign pressure it would have been terrible for the country to undergo a repetition of 1931. As a former permanent sec-about the "New Cambridge" retary at the Department of Trade, he is equally candid school of economists, associated with Mr Wynne Godley, who urge import controls as an indispensable part of any solution to the country's economic woes. The argument should not be about free trade or protection, but about whether you maintain trade within agreed international rules which do allow for a degree of protection. Import penetration is not the cause

of our industrial weakness, it is a symptom. Import controls to a greater or lesser degree, may be an inevitable reaction to industrial an inevitable reaction to industrial weakness, but they are not a cure. If Wynne Godley thinks he has found a formula for getting away with total protection inside the international rules, he has deceived himself and I hope he does not deceive too many other people. Sir Leo in retirement will take one public sector and one pri-vate sector job, neither of which he can yet divulge, and a visit-ing professorship at the City University, where he will write probably from vessels cleaning tonne vessel arrived at the terabook on public expenditure. out their tanks on the assumpminal, crew members were

Islands on the watch for tankers carrying potential disaster

tion that Shetland was a "pol-

The lesson was hard. Shet-land Islands Council, the port authority for Sullom Voe, already had the reputation for

taking a tough line with the oil industry. Clearly that had

to be extended to the ranker fleets. The service Mr Grubb controls plots and spots every oil slick and tar ball that lands on Shetland. The surest weapon against mishap or mishebaviour, by tankers is the

behaviour by tankers is the islands air patrol
When a tanker is 200 miles

from Yell Sound it is required to report its position. The aircraft of the pollution patrol flies towards the tanker check-

and video-recorded by radar and, since the Esso Bernicia, no

one near miss.

Misbehaviour by oil tanker crews is the concern of Mr Alistair Grubb, the pollution control and safety officer for Shetland. The islands are a convenient point to bring ashore pipelines from the o'lfields lying to the east, but a less suitable place to manoeuvre large oil tankers, each loaded with a potential disaster.

Storm-force winds blow more regularly around Shetland and the seas are notorious for their anger, strong tides and dangerous overfalls. With a peak flow of 1,000 tankers and some 60 million tonges of oil moving each year from the terminal at Sullom Voe, the possibility of an environmental disaster may seem a question of when, rather than whether.

rather than whether.

Fears were confirmed with almost the first ship to moor at the jetty. "First oil ashare in Shetland", a Shetland Times headlines said in irony rather than pride. The Esso Bernicia punctured a fuel tank as she moved against the jetty and 1,000 tonnes of heavy fuel oil leaked into Sullom Voe. Everyone knew in theory the Everyone knew in theory the damage such a spill could in-flict, but the reality was more

The gluey slime infested the shoreline, killing at least 4,000 birds, including great northern birds, including great northern divers, Hooper swans, black guillemots and shag. More than 20 otters, who lived in the protection of the buffer rubble beside the jetty, choked to death. The clean-up cost £3,500,000 and was followed by the appearance of other oil slicks on Shetland's shores, probably from yessels cleaning

seen smoking on deck and terminal staff confiscated matches and lighters, Mr Grubb said. Subsequently 200 gailous of oil spilled into the sea, and the master was fined £3,830 at Lerwick sheriff's court for causing the real Thomas the states was Regional report Ronald Faux Sullom Voe, Shetland

the spill. Then the tanker was overloaded by 3,000 tonnes and could not leave. After that was could not leave. After that was corrected, a check on safety equipment by trade inspectors disclosed serious shortcomings.

Eventually the Scenic left Shetland and rounded Muckle Flugga rock, heading down the least coasts of the islands when

the islands, when there was an explosion in her engine room. Five crew men were injured and the ship was left drifting without power. Other rules which Shetland has introduced include a 10-mile limit for tankers around the coast and a ban on tankers sailing between Foula island and a reef near by

Eventually Mr Grubb hopes the patrols will be carried out in an aircraft, fitted with infra-red cameras sensitive to the thinnest oil slick. The service is flies towards the tanker checking her projected course for
any hint of pollution and
covering the course twice
before the vessel reaches Shetland waters. The pilotage and
tug service then takes over to
guide the tanker into the teralso negotiating for a computer terminal that will provide in-stantly the safety record of

any tanker

Equally important will be
Shetland's growing reputation
as a port where miscreant

minal area, The operations are scanned as a port where miscreant tankers are heavily fined.

Opposite the oil jetties the pollution service stands on permanent alert, with large tanks of solvent, inflatable booms, machines for consuming oil slicks, multi-wheeled vehicles that the task that the contains and cleane. serious spillage has occurred, although there have been minor incidents, and at least The Greek-operated tanker Scenic put Mr Grubb on full alert recently. After the 60,000-tonne vessel arrived at the terthat can take men and cleans-ing material to remote coastlines, fast launches and a land-

Staff Sergeant Moore yesterday caught a baby boy, aged 7 months, who was dropped by his mother from the bedroom window of a blaz-ing house near Camberley.

He then climbed up a rain-water pipe and rescued a boy

aged two. He said that, as the window would not open, the mother smashed it and put the baby out through the broken glass and dropped it. The baby was unharmed apart from a few scratches to his head. "He came down head first and almost slipped through my fingers", Sergeant Moore said.

"The ground floor of the house was filled with thick. black smoke, and there was no way they could have got out through there."

Mrs Julie James, who was rescued by the fire brigade, the baby, Timothy, and her other son, Paul, were detained in Frimley Park Hospital.

Nor are all restaurants con-

sistently cheap or expensive in their pricing. Au Jardin des Gourmets, for example, quoted £600 for Château Petrus 1971, which sells at £18 at Houstoun

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Wide variation in price of wine in restaurants

Consumer Affairs

Correspondent

The price of a wine can be three times as high in one restaurant as in another; and list prices can vary by as much as £170 for a single bottle.

Those are my findings from The biggest price dif-ference of all was £170 be-tween Château Lafire 1945 at Le Gavroche (£250) and Au Jardin des Gourmets, Soho (£80). Le Gavroche's price in-

cludes a 15 per cent service charge, but tipping is at the discretion of the client at Au Jardin des Gourmets.

rant as in another; and list prices can vary by as much as £170 for a single bottle.

Those are my findings from a price comparison of 25 restaurant wine lists. Full details are printed in the February issue of Decanter, the bibulous bargain-hunter's bible.

The survey discloses more than 40 instances in which a restaurant was charging more than double the price at which the same wine was available in another. For example, a bottle of Château Lafite 1967 would be £19 at the Café Royal, but £49.20 at the Selfridge hotel. Château Mouton-Rothschild of the same year would be £56.28 at the Selfridge, and only £17.95 at the Café Royal.

A bottle of Château Latour 1967 available in the Tate Gallery restaurant at £16.67 would set back those who take their meals at the Tower Hotel \$£49.62, and Château Margaux 1969 is only £22 at Keats restaurant, in Hampstead, but £66.30 at Le Gavroche, Chelsea. Price variations in the provinces are no less marked than in the capital. Château Latour 1962 is £58.50 at Pool Court, fool-in-Wharfedale, West Yorkshire, but only £20 at Houstoun house, Uphall, Lothian; 1957 Lafite is £46.58 at the £1izabeth, Oxford, and £21.88 in the Malmaison restaurant of the Central Hotel, Glasgow.

Even between country inns the difference can be as great. Wine lists cited in the survey as being often the most expensive include those of Le Gavroche, Keats, Pool Court, the Elizabeth, the Selfridge hotel and the Toastmaster's Inn.

The Tate Gallery, Malmaison, Houstoun House, Cafe Royal and Dorchester hotel are recommended for bargains. The Mirabelle, in Curzon Street, London, is said to be a cheap source of 1961 claret, but dear for 1970.

Decanter points out that there are good reasons why

Decanter points out that there are good reasons why prices should vary, particularly that the wines may have been bought at different times in a fluctuating market. "But the comparisons show", it says, f "that one does not necessarily pay less in a modest country pub than in a grand hotel de luxe". for German

£4.75m by-pass diverts listed town's traffic

Ludlow, listed as one of the best 50 towns in Britain for architectural merit, was yesterday freed from the ravages of twentieth-century traffic with the opening of a £4.75m by

pass.
Conservationists had urged the building of the road to relieve the bottleneck of the A49 trunk route through the Shropshire town's ancient centre. Lorries have damaged Tudor and Georgian buildings.
The road was greened by Mr Tudor and Georgian buildings
The road was opened by Mr
Kenneth Clarke, Parliamentary
Under-Secretary of State for
Transport, seven months behind
schedule. The project was
delayed by government restrictions on public sector building
in 1975 and then by Britain's
worst winter for 16 years.
For the first time in 600
years the picturesque Ludford
bridge, over the river Teme.
will not be required to carry
through traffic.

tanker skipper From Our Correspondent Southend

damaged.

Mr Derek Chisnall, prosecuting for the Port of London Authority, applied for the arrest warrants and told the court the two accused had left the country the previous day.

Captain Udo Blank and Volker Rusch, first officer, are jointly accused of navigating in a manner liable to injure or endanger the installation, careless navigation, and unkawfully navigating the tanker Sea Emms under automatic steering in the Thames estuary.

Warrant issued

Southend
Magistrates at Rochford,
Essex, issued warrants yesterday for the arrest of the captain and first officer of a German oil tanker that was involved in a collision at the merhane gasterminal on Canvey Island.
The two men failed to appear to answer joint summonses relating to the incident last April 22, when the terminal jetty was damaged.
Mr Derek Chisnall, prosecut-

WEST EUROPE, **Closed frontier gates** cast their shadow over Gibraltar election Gibraltarians have little faith that this democratization process will bring any opening of the frontier gates without con-A nucleus of opinion on the Rock, small but vociferous, points to the disadvantages of Sir Joshua Hassan, the out-going Chief Minister, will be repeating his successful elecsuch an open frontier. The

The people of Gibraltar go to the polis on Wednesday to elect 15 members to the House of Assembly from the 27 candi-

tion formula by asking voters to return him and seven other members of his Association for the Advancement of Civil Rights/Gibraltar Labour Party (AACR/GLP) en bloc. During Sir Joshua's last term of office two members of

the opposition joined his party. Mr Brian Perez, a lawyer, and Dr Reginald Valarino have proved very useful addi-tions to the AACR/GLP strength and allowed Mr Abra-ham Serfaty and Mr Aurelio Montegriffo to retire. Although the Gibraltar Gov-

ernment's responsibilities for the Rock's 20,000 inhabitants the Rock's 20,000 inhabitants are restricted to internal affairs, the past three elections have been fought around the problem of relations with Spain. For 12 years the frontier gates have been closed as the Government of General Franco tried to gain sovereignty over the Rock. Spain's return to democracy has brought little change of heart.

Telephone links between Spain and Gibraltar have been restored and a blind eye turned to resumed trading. A few prominent citizens with strong Spanish connexions are allowed to sail their yachts into Algetiras, 20 minutes across the bay. But for the large majority of Gibraltarians access to Spain is still a ferry trip via Tangier, which means from seven to 12 hours of tra-velling and a minimum expense of £60 per person return. A charter flight to Lon-don is as cheap and takes little over two hours.

The Hassan approach to the Spanish problem is built around regular reminders to the British Government of Britain's guarantee that she would not hand over the people of Gibralear to a foreign power against their freely and democratically expressed wishes. Yet he has shown willing and without prejudice attended Anglo-Spanish meetings at Foreign Minister level to seek a break in the impasse.

Spain is moving towards

Europe in terms of the council

neighbouring provinces of Cadiz and Malaga have the highest unemployment figures in Spain. Gibraitarians enjoy parity of wages with Britain and full employment. There are fears that the high standards of living enjoyed on the Rock could be lost if the fromtier is corned. fromier is opened.

The three candidates of the

party for the Autonomy of Gibraltar are standing on a ticket which calls for a negu-tiated settlement with Spain. Leading the team is Mr José Emanuel Triay, a lawyer, who was heavily criticized when he suggested a settlement during the early days of the Franco campaign against the Rock. He contends that Gibraltar's colonial status must come to an end and sees a natural relationship developing with Spain. Incomporating the idea of autonomy into the party's title recog-nizes the parallel process of regional administrations being developed in Spain, Andalusia holds its referendum on autonomy in February, 1981.

One other party, the Demo-cratic Party for British Gibral-tar (DPBG), has put forward eight candidates. Their leader, Mr Peter Isola, has a long his-tory of sitting on the Oppost-tion benches.

Mr Joseph Bossano, a trade unionist and economist, has kept the Government on its toes over the past four years. His Gibraltar Socialist Labour Party has five other candidates standing. None of the others, mostly unionists, has previous experience in politics.

Mr Eric Ellul, an independ-

ent, has previously shown an inclination towards a settle-ment with Spain. Finally there is the independent Nationalist candidate, Dr Cecil Isola. He 1s against an electoral system that favours party politics and preaches the evils of a National Health Service. In the previous elections, he narrowly missed being returned. No matter how much the local affairs intrude into the campaign the Spanish frontier gates will dominate the

gates will dominate thoughts of Gibraltarians.

From Harry Debelius Madrid, Feb 4

The funerals of two Basque

activists turned into angry anti-Madrid demonstrations in

Mourners shouted down a

funeral of a militant of the ETA

Revolution not reform is Marchais theme now

From Ian Murray Paris, Feb 4 The French Communist Party is hell bent on revolution. Any idea that it might still be prepared to reshape its alliance with the Socialists must have died at the Young Communist rally over the weekend at Vitrysur-Seine.

M Georges Marchais, the party leader, told the closing session last night that this was the age of revolutions and declared. "We want to make the revolution." The 1,300 national delegates chanted "Yes, yes, yes. We are the Reds."

M Marchais, fresh from his summir meeting in Moscow with Mr Brezhnev, was the hero of the moment. There was no thought for a renewal of the old union of the left with the Socialist Party. Revolution and not reform was the theme of the rally.

There was a clear difference in M Marchais' mind between the position of Communists inside and outside the country. outside and outside the country.
Outside France, he said, they were part of an international revolutionary movement that was standing up to capitalist imperialism. Inside France, they were alone and isolated from employers and social democrats. democrats.

"We do not complain of at", he went on. "It is a that", he went on. It is a matter of pride to us, the Communists, to us the revolutionaries, to be strangers to thar world." It was time, he said, to close

ranks and to build a socialism to the taste of our people, in the colours of France. To achieve that he called for

a pure and tough repolution ary language in which electioneering has no place". He showed his contempt for the experiment of the alliance with the Socialist Party by devoting less than a minute of his hour-long speech to the subject.

He poured scorn on the Socialist leaders, "a sorry team" who had recourse to political police methods and whippersnappers ".

Trawlermen strike

Lisbon, Feb 4.-A five-day strike by 1,500 Portuguese trawlermen began today in support of demands for more pay. More than 100 vessels were immobilized.

Basques shout down priest's

sermon against violence

OVERSEAS. Charter 77 assesses future role after three years' persecution

Charter 77, the Czechosłovak human rights movement, reas-sesses its role and political aspirations in a statement just Charate 77 is based on the

legal system of the Czechoslo-vak Socialist Republic as a issued. It says it enters its sovereign state. It has no inten-tion of changing the existing social system. On the contrary, fourth year internally more united and with a cle:rer understanding of its achieveir wants to consolidate Czechoslovak statehood by pressing for the observance of laws guaranteed to its critizens

The following is a shortened version of the statement made available by the Palach Press by the constitution of the republic and supplemented by Charter 77 lives on and is international pacts on human active despite various errors

ments and shortcomings.

human and civic rights.

This was the fundamental

but also of national identity in the spirit of European cultural

We believed, and still believe, that by defending human and civic rights Charter

77 can erect a barrier against growing demonstization and become a force of new hope for the people and for our

nation. It was not only a land-

mark in the so-called normali-zation era after 1969 but a qua-

our postwar period. It has united people with an ethical

and civic responsibility in our

country going beyond political ideologies and religious beliefs.

directly with politics. Individ-

uals or groups supporting Charter 77 who combine their

Charter 77 is not concerned

litatively new phenomenon

traditions.

Agency:

and political rights. and, more particularly, despite The gruesome experiences of the constant and recently esca-lated attempts by the state mankind in the twentieth cen-tury make it our duty to authorities to destroy it. emphasize the fundamental right of man to life. One of We believe that a steadily increasing number of people in the paramount objectives of the struggle against fascism our country understand its his-toric significance and topical during the Second World War was to free man of stress and mission. The events of the past six months have contributed to this since the political authorifear. This demand is as argent

ties have revealed those aspects of Charter 77 to which they most object, namely the consistent defence of basic today as it was then. Charter 77 intends to contime to stand up for the right of every human being to a free life in accordance with his or her conscience and human

reason for the publication of Charter 77 three years ago. At that time we understood that the defence of human and civic A free and creative life is in the interest of every cultured state and social system. If we recall the wider social impact of human and civic rights in rights was an important prerequisite for an existence free keeping with the spirit and let-ter of the relevant United from repressive manipulation and alienacion. It is also an essential condition of non-conformist social and cultural Nations coverants this demand is not excessive, let alone subactivity which to a large extent determines the preservation not only of the human and civic identity of the individual

The past three years were, nevertheless, marked by a growing effort of the obtuse authorities to repress Charter, and is not maniuplated. from within. Many of our friends were unjustly imprisoned or driven out of their country, or subjected to other forms of persecution and dis-crimination. The authorities, which in this illegal manner exercise their claim to absoeffective dialogue with the state institution illusory. Nevertheless, we tasist on our right and our duty to

defend our own human civil rights and those of all citizens of our Republic because we are convinced that civic activities with political objectives go beyond the aims of Charter 77 which then acts their fundamental human and moral significance for transcends any political practice. We believe that the very meanonly as a catalyst, even though it considers it its duty to it considers it its duty to ing of our personal lives and defend also those citizens who the existence of our nation as are seeking political solutions bearers of European cultural

within the law for the present traditions are involved in this situation of Czechoslovak in defending human and civil society. seeking a conflict with the political authorities. Our conviction that the future will vindicate our faith in the justice of our cause gives us hope and the strength to continue at all

Charter 77 enters its fourth year internally more unified and with a clearer understand. ing that human and civil rights lie at the heart of meaningful existence, not only for those who actively defend them, but for all people in this country. Their defence cannot, therefore be a direct instrument in any kind of political struggle: our motives are moral and human in the most literal

Today, in the light of our rocay, in the light of our experiences over the past three years, we are more clearly aware that even a small space won for independent and free activity is a space for genuine life—in spite of all the neg ative trands in present-day civilizaton and the disruptive effects of an undemocratic political system. We seek solotions which are not merely local and for the moment. The Czechs and Slovaks have already lived for over 11 centareis as cultural nations of

Charter 77 has activated a number of young people who are not burdened by the past and by ideologies. For them, Charter 77 should provide in our closed society some space for a life which has meaning It has been confirmed that

Charter 77 is not a union of oppositin forces, but that it genuinely speaks to those for whom it was intended from the outset, offering them a way out of the labyrinth of manipulation fear and resignaexercise their claim to absolute domination and ruthlessly repress, even the most modest attempts ar independent human and civil existence, make our efforts to conduct as invite some more signatoreis to join the group of spokesmen, We believe that this will bene-We believe that this will benefit our work, as well as strenghen the elements of cooperation and democracy.
Signed, February 1, 1980, by Charter 77 spokesmen: Rudolf Battek, Jiri Bednar, Zdena Freundova, Jiri Hajek, Ladkslav Hejdanek, Marie Hromadkova, Vendelin Komeda, Ladislav Lis, Milos Rejchrt, Jan Ruml, Zdena Tominova.

France protests to Libya over embassy wrecking demonstrators had been chant-From Our Own Correspondent

The French Government is

protesting vigorously after its embassy in Tripoli was attacked and wrecked by demonstrators this morning. The Libyan authorities are said to have ignored a request for protection from M Charles Malo, the ambassador. France is reserving the right

and "to draw its conclusions from the affair on the matter of Franco-Libyan relations", a statement from the Foreign Ministry said.

M Malo, interviewed by telephone on French radio today said he was sure the attack was directly connected with recent events in Tunisia since the

ing: "Popular revolution in Tunisia". The demonstrators had forced open the doors and destroyed everything they came across:
"The walls were left standing but everything else was wrecked", he said.

Tripoli radio, monitored in Tunis, said the "impressive" forces and French attempts to

make a French protectorate of Tunisia. Tunisia.
Tunisian target: The Tunisian embassy in Tripoli also came under artack by demonstrators this morning ar about the same time as a mob was ransacking the French Embassy, Tunisian diplomats said in Paris.

Agence France-Presse.

chemical weapons, which have been shelved, the discussions involving those two countries and Britain on a treaty probibdemonstration was against the ling nuclear tests are ormonstration was against the iring nuclear tests are appar-invasion of Tunisia by French ently to proceed as scheduled. Contacts between the three

Ruml, Zdena Tominova.

Atom test-ban

to be resumed

From Our Correspondent

Unlike the negotiations be-

tween the United States and

the Soviet Union on banning

negotiations

delegations took place today on arranging a formal plenery meeting to inaugurate the new The test-ban talks, begun

more than two years ago, were virtually stalled on the issue of verification when they adjourned in December.



Señor González, left, and Señor de la Paz talk in London about torture in Argentina.

By Trevor Fishlock

Two young men who endured 15 months in secret detention camps in Argentina presented a report in London yesterday giving details of large-scale and systematic torture in the camps. The evidence of the two men provides one of the clearest accounts yet received of the fate of the desaparecidos, the disappeared ones, who have been swept into the net of the anti-terrorist groups in Agen-These groups are run by the

a broad remit. They are apparently, a law unto them-selves. According to the Organi-zation of American States there are more than 15,000 desaparecidos. Many are presumed dead, others are in detention camps and others have fled.

González and Horacio Cid de la of this was, as they said, 'to Paz who were abducted in soften you up'. They applied November 1977 in Buenos it to the head, armpirs, sexual napped" was their word, they were taken to the Club Atlético

in Buenos Aires.

Here, they said, the only law was terror. The place was unventilated, damp and not. Prisoners were shackled and had blindfolds over their eyes. If prisoners moved their hands they were hearen into most they were included in a "transfer" frey were the they were hearen into most they were modeled in a "transfer" frey were were the transfer in the moment they were included in a "transfer" frey were were the transfer in the moment they were modeled in a "transfer" frey were were the transfer in the moment they were modeled in a "transfer" frey were more than the moment they were more than the moment that in the detention camps Jewish prisoners were singled out for particularly harsh treatment.

All prisoners passed through the "lion's den", so called be-cause it was used to tame new arrivals. Here, in one of three operating theatres men were bound, naked, to metal tables.

"You could hardly see the original yellow paint on the walls which were covered with stains and blood. The smell of

Aires, spent 15 months in a total of five concentration camps, and at lust escaped by overpowering their police managed by the concentration of the concentration between sessions of this they would use the submarino, holding our heads under water, but us

systematically torrured: Transfer, they soid, is the

name given to mass assassina-

tion in Argentina.

The two men said that one prisoner had told them that "transferred" prisoners were sedated, loaded into an aircraft

and dumped into the sea.

Aimost a year ago Señor
González, who is 29, and Señor
de la Paz, who is 22, made their escape from Argentina and eventually found sanctuary with the United Nations refuses' commission in Brazil.

They are now living in Holland and knyll sanctuary

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HOME NEWS

Professor Burns in London yesterday: "I am worried about old anti-Kennedy stereotypes emerging in Britain."

Kennedy campaigner aims to correct Britain's 'negative' view of senator Kennedy in California, Ver-

A senior American political sciennist, who has written burningst, who has written biographies of several members of the official Kennedy band-ondon yesterday to counteract what he describes what he describes as the negative attitude to Senator Edward Kennedy in Britain and to lend his weight to the Ken-nedy for President campaign

in this country.

Professor James MacGregor Burns, Professor of Political Science at Williams College, Massachusets, was on his way to a European management con-ference in Switzerland.

break his journey for a day in London "because I am very worried that the old anti-Kennedy stereotypes are emerg-ing once again in the British media". The British attitude, to Edward Kennedy, he said, was

me to be a misunderstanding based on British memories of Joseph Kennedy when he was ambassador here, and when he seemed to be complacent in the face of Nazi aggression, if not indeed defeatist.

During his day in London Professor Burns gave an inter-view to the BBC and spoke to journalists gathered in the Pall Mall office of Mr Thomas Coulon, the American lawyer who is running the Kennedy for President campaign, aimed at the 100,000 Americans resident in the United Kingdom. Mr Conlon, who was in jubi-lant mood, having just received 150 Kennedy badges from campaign headquarters in the United States, introduced Pro-

wagon, but had used his own money to take some of his students on a tour of colleges, "saying what I wished".

Professor Burns, whose biography of Edward Kennedy is substitled "The Camelot I award he substitled "The Camelot Legacy", said he regarded the Kennedy family as symbolizing both sides of the Arthurian legend: "the drama, the violence and the deceit; and the courage, the nobility and the

He admitted that the Kennedy family's Irish roots made them slightly suspect in

English eyes.

But it was with a Welsh politician that he compared them. "Given time and maturity", he said with the caution of a man who did his training very similar to the attitude to of a man who did his training John F. Kennedy in 1959, at the London School of Econo-"There is still what seems to mics in the late 1940s, "I think that any of those three Kennedy brothers might have developed in terms of vitality and drama into a Lloyd George".
Professor Burns's main mes

roressor burns's main mes-sage to the American voters in Britain, and ro the scentical British. is that "Edward Kennedy is essentially not a glamorous figure; he is a very serious and committed public man in the strong liberal demo-cratic tradition of Truman and Roosevelt". He admits, however, that his

bero has a less than fifty-fifty chance of gaining the Demo-cratic presidential nomination. it were only a matter of gaining the votes of Americans on this side of the Atlantic he might well he more confident. fessor Burns as "just back The Carter Campaign has not from the front lines", having even got off the ground yet in campaigned for Senater Edward Britain.

£35,000 jewel stolen from after fire exhibition stand The police are investigating a

national Spring Fair at the National Exhibition Centre, near Birmingham, including the disappearance of a diamond valued at £35,000.

The brilliant-cut, 3.4-carat gem was taken from a display cabinet on one of the stands. It is thought that a stand assist-ant's attention was distracted by one man while another took the diamond.

smart looking and aged between 30 and 45. A 3 cwt box containing silver candlesticks and gold-plated trays, valued at £2,000, and cigarette lighters and powder compacts valued at £1,000 were also stolen last weekend. Two other churchen, Matthew, inine, and Edward, aged five. Mr and Mrs Tailby were detained in hospital yesterday after undergoing emergency operations. Detectives were by their bedsides.

Murder inquiry at bungalow

From Our Correspondent

Humberside police mounted a murder inquiry yesterday after Collecte Tailby, aged 12, died in hospital at Grimsby after fire at her home in Valda Vale, Immingham.

The site of her home, a bungalow, was described by neighbours as "just a hole in the ground" after it burst into flames as police and firemen ne diamond. brought out Mr Brian Tailby,
The men are described as aged 39, curator of Immingham museum, his wife Christine, and two other children, Matthew,

Energy conservation cuts 'may put old at risk'

From Our Correspondent

made to the fear of many povers of the fear of many more deaths among the infirm and the elderly who are having to cut back on dearer heating.

Scottish representatives of Shelter, Age Concern, the Shelter, Age Concern, the the Conservation.

The signatories also include Mr Robin Webster, director of Age Concern, Scotland, Mr Peter Gibson, director of the the Conservation.

The signatories also include Mr Robin Webster, director of the Scottish Consumer Council, Mr Alistair Grimes, secretary of Poverty Action day in Clasgow that most homes were so poorly insul-ated that 70 per cent of the

heat used was lost.
They said that resources given to energy conservation should not be cut back and that there were between 3,000 and 5,000 deaths a year in Scotland linked to hypother-

A letter signed by Mrs Margo MacDonald, former vicechairman of the Scottish National Party, who is now director for Shelter in Scotland, is being sent to Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Energy, with a copy to all of Scotland's 71 MPs. It expresses deep concern at reports that the Government is considering further cutbacks in energy conservation. It points out that more advice to people on insulation was essential, especially to poorer people, who spent about twice as much on fuel as the population as a whole.

will have to consume more

heat than they can afford, or Glasgow Cut back in energy use and An urgent appeal is being possibly fail to maintain min-made to the Government to set imum standards of heating."

> the Fuel Poverty Action Group, Mr Iain Macdonald, director of the Religion and Technology Project of the Church of Scotland, Mr Roger Downie, chairman of the Scot-land, West, branch of the Conservation Society, and Mr Adrian Watt, coordinator of the Friends of the Earth in Scotland.

They ask the Government to think again on the serious implications for poorer people of any reduction in the commitment to conservation.

Mrs MacDonald said that many people were likely to continue to heat their homes on their present level of consumption only to find that they were unable to pay their

Mr ... Grimes said that although poorer people were spending more than a fifth of their incomes on fuel, that spending was likely to be more than doubled by the year 2000 Without that "many people if nothing was done to increase

merits of their own bomb From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Feb 4

French point to

No aggressor could under-estimate the French nuclear deterrent, M. Yvon Bourges, the Defence Minister, said today during a visit to the new staff college of the land forces. Within the next decade it

would undergo significant development with the coming into service every 18 months, be tween 1985 and 1990, of a new nuclear submarine, equipped with 16 launchers for the new M4 missile. "In an uncertain world divided by the clash of inter-

ests and ideologies, it is not the least merit of the Fifth Republic to have endowed the counthe means of implementing it," be said. "Can anyone imagine what, in present circumstances would be the position of France wirtunt this effort
M. Bourges said France could

defend its interests and keep its commitments towards its allies as well as "reaching a common stand with those who share its As for conventional armaments, he emphasized that it

would have been all the more serious not to have made a great effort for the conventional effort for the conventional equipping of the army "as the rises arising in the world—none of which leave us indifferent—do not by definition involve the nuclear deterrent".

General Vanbremeersch, commander of the First French Army, said in an interview with L'Aurore today that the French Government would decide to use nuclear weapons if France were directly threatened and

Alliance did not use nuclear weapons in the event of a

Basque separatist organization, Señor Gregorio Olabarria Bengoa, who was killed in action against the police. The priest suspended the service when his words were drowned out by shouts of "Gora ETA militar" (Long live the military wing of the ETA). The 3,000 mourners remained

in the church as a brother of the deceased stepped up to the altar to praise the man's dedica-tion to the Basque fight for independence and a poet sang Basque poems in the dead man's It was indicative of the tension in the Basque country, increased by the Madrid Government's decision last

weekend to put the chief of the National Police personally in charge of law and order there, with full powers. The Government's move in response to increasing political violence, was viewed with considerable scepticism in the region.

The funeral of another man associated with ETA, Senor Jesus Maria Zubikaray Badiola, who was shot dead last Satur day by right-wing extremists in Eibar, turned into a pro-ETA Spain's troubled north, accord- Eibar ing to reports reaching here rally in Ondárroa, near San Sebastian. A crowd of about 4,000

marched past dozens of conies adorned with the red, white and green Basque flag topped by black streamers, singing Eusko Gudariak, the Basque soldiers' song. In the main square they held a rally and called for a general strike for today to protest against the killing. The Ondarroa rown council decreed a day of mourn-

ing for today.
In Madrid, organizations of the left called for demonstrations and strikes to protest against the assassinations last weekend of Senor Zubikaray Badiola and of a young woman, a Marxist student leader. Responsibility for both murders was claimed by the right-wing Spanish-Basque Batallion. In a statement, the Spanish-

Basque Batallion threatened more killings in revenge for the deaths of six Civil Guards in an ETA ambush near Bilbao last Friday.
"We will continue to act."
the statement said, "until we

locate and eliminate the three (ETA) sporter units which operate in Madrid."

Two arrested for rape

were directly threatened and "if the forces of the Atlantic

Metz, Feb 4.—Two men unemployed, were also wanted accused of raping two Danish in connexion with an armed in connexion with an armed hold-up of a nightclub on Saturday night, in which they are been arrested in Verdun.

Francis Colas, aged 26, and Gilles Inchelin, aged 18, both Agence France-Presse.

Elysée's choice causes surprise

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Feb 4
M Jean-Marie Poirier, a mem-

oreach of their front.

to M Pierre Hunt, who becomes Ambassador to Tunisia.

The appointment of M Poirier

seemed certain it would not be a journalist, however, as Presi-dent Giscard d'Estaing feels such a choice would be grist to the mill of those who accuse him of exercising a tighter control over the news media than his predecessors. But there was talk of a diplomat or a politician.

M Poirier, who is 50 and a graduate of the Ecole Normale Supérieure, has a number of strings to his bow. He was a experience of politics and the professor at Yale University administration, which will be and in Ireland, before becoming a journalist with the magazine Constellation. He was then and leaves the Elysée at his own a member of the personal staff request-he did not want to of M Roger Frey, first at the remain for the presidential Ministry of Information and election campaign—will be hard then at the Ministry of the to replace. A man of great in-

ment on problems of informa-tion, radio-television and tour-M Jean-Marie Poirier, a member of the Conseil d'Etat, has been appointed spokesman of the Elysee Palace, in succession the Elysee Palace, in succession elected uninterruptedly until He is mayor of the town of

The appointment of M Poirier comes as a surprise. His was not among the names most frequently mentioned as a successor to M Hunt, who has held the post for two years. It 1976. From 1970 to 1972 he was general rapporteur of the state In 1974, M Poirier came out

in 1974, M Poirier came out in favour of M Giscard d'Estaing's candidature to the presidency, and left the Gaullists to join the Republican Party, where he has been national delegate for social affairs, until 1976 and national descriptions of the property in the property of the propert secretary in charge of regional planning and the environment. He therefore has considerable

and kindness with frankness, a relaxed manner and a sense of humour which he owed perhaps to his partly English descent. His golden rule was to trust journalists, so long as they did not betray his confidence; and to give the facts or nothing.

In a recent interview with Paris-Match, it was typical of him to say that his relations with the press were not so easy. with the press were not so easy, because there is in France a reciprocal distrust between the Government and the press. The Government at bottom would like the press to be simply the echo of official pronounce-

The American press, in his view, had its faults, but he had always been impressed by its thoroughness and reliability. It made more distinction than the French one between fact and

cized by political circles and the Interior.

Gependence, he had the PresiFrom 1960 to 1962, he was adviser to the Lebanese Governthe press, save for an unforced conscience, M Hunt said.

foreign journalists at the time of the Bokassa diamonds affair. He combined great courtest and kindness with frankness,

ments; and the press always tooks for the truth behind the official truth."

His advice to his successor was not to forget to be on his guard. "His acts will be criti-

Argentine terror camps exposed

services and the police and have

they were beaten into unconsciousness by guards.

burnt flesh, blood, perspiration and excrement added to the fact that there was no ventila-tion made the air heavy"

hang us up by our feet, hit us When first arrested, "kid-apped" was their word, they with chains and put selt in our wounds."

In London yesterday Amnesty

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For the first hour they. They are now living in HolInternational published a report

compiled by Oscar Alfredo cattle prod) to us. The purpose months compiling their report

Congress inquiry into members named by FBI in bribery scandal

Washington, Feb 4

The ethics committee of the House of Representatives announced today that it had been examining for some time allegations of misconduct against some of the same members of Congress accused of being involved in a bribery scandal of Watergate proportions.

Mr Charles Represent the

Mr Charles Bennett, the chairman, said his committee would now broaden its inquiries to include those members of the lower house named by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in its latest undercover

After an investigation lasting nearly two years, the FBI is reported to have recorded on film and tape a series of transactions in which hundreds of thousands of dollars were paid to senior public officials by FBI agents posing as Arab businessmen. The money was alleged to have been handed over in return for promises of various legislative favours. Eight members of Congress,

including a Democratic senator from New Jersey, and some 20 state and local officials have been named in newspaper accounts of the operation, which was code-named Abscam—an abbreviation for Arab scam. (A scam is a confidence trick of the type depicted in the film The Sting.) The officials named in the press accounts have refused comment on the allega-tions or denied any wrong-

doing.
The Department of Justice said today that it would have no comment at all about specific investigations of political cor-ruption and deplored disclo-sures about the FBI operation because they might "injure the reputation of innocent people".

Delegates

from smoke

Washington, Feb 4
There are still a few smokefilled rooms left in American

politics, those places where poli-

cies and nominations are de-

cided by party leaders far from

the intrusive stares of reporters

summer's party conventions were chosen in a smoke-filled

room in Pennsylvania last

November 17, when the state

Republican committee selected

six "at large" delegates. The

remainder will be chosen in a

Last Saturday, prominent members of the Republican party in Arkanses met in a

number of places, some pretty smoky, some not, and selected 12 delegates. Another seven will

As for the Democrats, their

party in Maine is holding cau-cuses next Sunday and the vic-

tory will probably go to the

nedy supporter, alone in the fastness of the winter country-

side, can form a caucus practi-

cally on his own and elect a

delegate to the state conven

tion whose vote will be fully the equal of that of the repre-

sentative of large gatherings of

Mr Ronald Reagan and Senator Roward Baker combined to de-

to a party in a supporter's

part in the voting. They gathered in local committees and in every

case the Reagan and Baker sup-

Carve up the vote between them.
So Mr Bush lost—in fact he
was lucky to pick up one
delegate.

The situation in Maine, where Sunday's vote will undoubtedly

play a large part in reviving Senator Kennedy's campaign, or sinking it for good, is hardly

more democratic. The state is divided into 496 "eligible elec-toral units" which may hold

caucuses and each elect one or

more delegates to the state

in 375 of these units, and about

6,800 Democrats turned out to

vote. The number of delegates

selected by each caucus de-pends on the number of demo-

cratic votes cast in the last election to Governor,

In 1976, there were caucuses

convention on May 16.

A total of 181 people took

feat Mr George Bush. Mr
Reagan got six delegates, Mr
Baker four or possibly five and
Mr Bush one. Mr John Conmally, who once invited all Arkensas Republican office-holders

In Arkansas, supporters of

people in the cities.

house, got none.

A Carter supporter or a Ken-

more enterprising candidate.

primary on April 22.

February 16.

The first delegates to next

emerge

From Patrick Brogan

The Justice Department is piqued that the operation came to light in the news media before the FBI investigations were completed. When several news organizations, including The New York Times, were known to be about to reveal details of Abscam, FBI agents scurried around trying to make last-minute inquiries before the operation's cover was blown.

operation's cover was blown. A Justice Department spokes man said today that the department would initiate an intensive investigation to see whether deliberate disclosures

whener detiberate disclosures by federal employees had brought the operation to a premature conclusion.

As might be expected, the newspapers and television networks have been pouring out details of the FBI operation for the benefit of their readers and riewers. The various accounts viewers. The various account disclose that FBI agents posing as representatives of wealthy Arab shaikhs and in some instances as the shaikhs them-selves, mer the officials or their representatives last year in a number of places along the east coast. The agents handed over up to \$700,000 in \$50,000 instalments in return for promises of help for the "shakhs," financial enterprises.

Among the requested from the officials was help in obtaining a casino gambling licence as well as congress ional support to obtain entry and residence permits in the United States.

According to newspaper counts, the investigation had its lighter moments. One con-gressman, it is reported, can be seen on videotape stuffing cash into his trouser and jacket pockets and another struggling with an associate over a brief-case containing \$50,000.

The Governor of Jalalabad, middleaged, with closely cropped grey hair and wearing thick-rimmed spectacles, could

hardly cope with the morning

The chief of police was here with reports of the damage from the fighting of

the last few hours; the local

Army commander, snapping to

attention in a tunic two sizes

an intimidatingly large pile of incident reports. A crowd of

farmers poured into the room with compensation claims.

Every minute the telephone rang with reports of sabotage

from the villages though it was sometimes difficult to hear the

carlers because of the throb of

over the trees through the win-

these events", he said, as though Jalalabed's nightly gun battles had been a part of

beggar who had forced his way

into the room to shout for

islamabad, Feb 4
The results of the weekend

talks here between Mr Zbig-niew Brzezinski, President

niew Brzezinski, President Carrer's national security ad-

viser, and the Government of General Zia ul-Haq were con-

sidered today by the Cabinet.
According to informed sources, the meeting was also attended by the chiefs of the

three services. No official

statement was issued about the

However, it was stated that the Cabinet had also considered

the results of the recent Islamic

foreign ministers' conference and the visits of the foreign ministers of Britain, China and Australia, all of which related to the Soviet military interven-

Meanwhile, it was reported the Soviet nethat General Zia, the chief Afghanistan.

deliberations.

tion in Afghanistan.

everyday life for years.

dow. It had been a bad night.

be selected by the state com-mittee when it meets on which could be seen hovering

too small for him, prese

From Robert Fisk

visitors to his office.

Jalalabad, Feb 4

Government promises no coercion of athletes

No "oppressive methods", such as withdrawing passports. would be used to prevent athletes going to the Moscow Olympics, Mrs Thatcher told sporting authorities yesterday. The assurance was given when Mrs Thatcher met members of the Central Council for Physical Recreation at Downing Street, But the Prime Minister repeated her view that the Games should be moved from Moscow to another venue. She made it clear that she is adopting a step-by-step approach and is awaiting the outcome of her request to the British Olympic Association But it was disclosed yesterday that Sir Denis Follows, chair-man of the British Olympic Association, has already written

the games to be moved. He also told her that he does not think the games could be divided among several venues "unless the International Olympic Committee (IOC) finds just cause to move the games from Moscow".

to Mrs Thatcher to say there is "little or no support" in the national Olympic committee for

The issue will be pur before a special meeting of the national commutee on March 4. By then the IOC is likely to have decided its position.

Mr Glen Haig, chairman of the CCPR said after yesterday's meeting: "She tol dus she is not going to stop anybody going to the games forcibly. In no way will she use oppressive measures such as withdrawal of

"She is taking the matter through the normal constitu-Olympic Association". When the response to that erquest was known, "she would

fight, we speak against our

enemies and our enemies try

and so we defend ourselves

against them. But we will

If Mr Ziarad seems a trifle

philosophical-almost whimsi-

cal—in his estitude towards

Afghanistan's socialist revolu-

tion it is well to remember that he is no party man. Somehow, he has assiduously avoided membership of either the Parcham or Khalqi wag of

the People's Democratic Party.

His only concession to the re-volution is an imposing but

Mr Ziarad admirted that the

We cannot stop them shoot-

rebels were causing problems:

Ziarad drew a small diagram on a piece of paper on his desk.

he pencilled in a series of arrows, which moved outwards from Jalalabad.

the recently elected members of

local bodies and leading figures

from different walks of life later this month to seek sup-port for his proposed new political framework for Paki-

considering setting up consul-tative or advisory councils in

the capital and the four pro-

nite postponement of general

elections and the extraordinary political and military situation

that has arisen as a result of

the Soviet military action in

one end of his desk.

Mr Muhammad Ziarad, ing in the country. We cannot advisers former export manager of the stop then blowing up the elective.

National Wool Company and tric cables and the gas mains Governor of Jakakabad for just and firing bombs at night. It is 10 days, refused to let these true that they are trying to things overwhelm him. "There capture Jalalabad and they are

is no reason to overdramatize getting closer to the city, but these events", he said, as they cannot succeed."

He sipped at cups of scalding hot ten as he initialled the
piles of reports, joking with an
Army heutenant and gently
ordering the removal of an old

General Zia sees need to

widen his public support

Coping with rebel raids, sabotage and land reform in an Afghan town

same", he said. "We defend pointing to the

to start a counter-revolution this kind of thing before and

rather battered silver scale troops and the rebels—there is model of a MiG jet fighter, little reason to doubt the Govwhich perches precariously on error's statistics.

hey cannot succeed." the Russian presence in his To prove his contention, Mr country. He said. "It is the

A day in the life of Jalalabad's Governor



decide what sort of advice should be given to British sportsmen and women." The CCPR reiterated its view that it would be impossible to relocate the games now. It also pointed out that it was not just the 26 Olympic sports among its 214 members that had contacts with the Soviet Union. Mr Norman Sarsfield, the council's vice-chairman, said Mrs Thatcher had told the dele-

gation that other sporting relationships with the Soviet Union could continue. Australian support: The Olympics should not be held in Moscow and if they are they should be boycotted, Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Australian Prime Minister, said in London yesterday. (David Spanier our Diplomatic Correspondent,

Mr Fraser said that the Rus- and in effect apologized for not

"These", he said proudly,

the

attacks which we are going to

make. We have been through

always we achieve the same result. When the enemy gets closer to the centre of Jalala-

bad, they are more closely bunched together and our

forces can shoot them more

easily and then we make coun-

ter-attacks and drive them off."

three Afghan soldiers have been killed in the past week's

fighting around the city and-given the unpsoken truce which exists between many

He does, however, deny that

There are in fact well over a

thousand Soviet soldiers in the Army barracks a few miles east of Jalalabad.

He was not concerned about

bandit groups who are our ene-mies. Land was taken from them under our Land Decree

No. 6 and they are assisted by

students of imperialism These

people are trained in camps in

Pakistan. They are taught by the imperialists to shoot and

throw grenades and set off of offer mines." Mr Ziarad prefers not refuse.

there are any Soviet troops in Jalalabad, claiming only that a

few Russian agricultural advisers and teachers are in

few Russian

Mr Ziarad claims that only

outward

counter-

sians had stated in their writings, that politics was very much a part of sport. They had claimed that holding the games in Moscow would signify approval of their foreign policy,

Mr Fraser, who met Mrs Thatcher at Downing Street for talks on Afghanistan and the Olympics, emphasized that Australia supported the British and American lead.

Boycott questionaire: Lord Killanin, the president of the IOC has sent a questionaire to heads of international sports federations, asking for their opinions on the boycott issue. Ali apology: Muhammad Ali, the former world heavyweight boxing champion, who is visiting African countries to urge support for President Carter's call for a Moscow boycott call for a Moscow boycott arrived in Nairobi yesterday

to put a figure to so conspira-

torial a group of dispossessed

The Governor still visits the

nearest villages during the day-

ight hours—accompanied by three soldiers—to inspect the results of Afghanistan's land reforms and Jak-labad's newly-

created irrigation scheme. But

he seems to understand why

some aspects of the Govern-

ment's reform programme have

created such animosity.
"We tried", he said, "to
make sure that all men and
women had equal rights and

the same education. But we

have two societies in our

country: one in the cities and

one in the villages. The city people accept equal rights but

the villages are more tradi-tional. Sometimes we have moved too quckly. It takes

time to arrive at the goals of

The Governor's last words

spoken as we left his office

were almost drowned by the roar of four Russian MI25 heli-copters, which swooped low over the building and raced

across the bazaer, sending clouds of dust swirling into the

air besade the single storey mud-walled houses. Each machine had four bombs

At this point, Mr Ziarad, who is a kindly man, offered me the use of his official car. In view of the angry faces of the Afghans watching the helicanters are their sections.

copters as they swept over them, however, it seemed the

Governor had made the kind of offer that it was safer to

landlords.

knowing the strength of African feeling. (Our Nairobi correspondent writes.) He told an airport press con-ference that he had only just

learned that the United States had not supported the African boycott of the Montreal Olympics in protest against sporting links with South Africa. "If I knew before I left

everything I have found out, I would not be here ", he said. But he said he would con-tinue with his trip to Nigeria, Liberia and Senegal "because I think this mission is just ". Bonn support: Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, said in an interview published in Bonn yesterday that his Government stood by the United States in its campaign to boycott the Olympics.—

Bonn-Paris talks strive

for detente From Charles Hargrove

Paris, Feb 4 The thirty-fifth Franco-German summit here is turning out to be one of the most important since the signing of the treaty between General de Gaulle and Dr Konrad Adenauer.

Little has transpired about the talks which began yester-day evening between President Giscard d'Estaing and Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor. They have met privately and with M Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, and the two foreign

ministers.

But the final statement by the two statesmen to the press less bring out their determination to achieve Europe's
"original position" in the
present world crisis over
Afghanistan, combining loyalty
to the western alliance with an

independent assessment of events, and a determination to pursue the policy of detente.
This difficult compromise between apparently conflicting objectives, in view of the firm-ness of the American and British reactions to Soviet inter-vention, is easier for President Giscard d' Estaing than for the West German Chancellor.

Herr Schmidt wants to preserve both the very concrete results of his country's Ostpolitik and the confidence of the United States on which his country's security relies more than ever; and he does not possess a national nuclear deter-rent to enable him to play a relatively independent role within the western alliance. He also has to take into con-

sideration the parliamentary elections next autumn, and Christian Democratic eagerness to seize upon anything his government did which might be

government did which might be construed as "appeasement", or a loosening of the ties with Washington.

The French President has no such problems. But the some-what isolated position in which he finds himself in the West he finds himself in the West over the assessment of the crisis and of the appropriate means of meeting the Soviet threat, makes West German support all the more indispensable.

Everything indicates that the Chancellor agrees with the President's approach and objectives but has doubted as the control of th

whether now is the best time to proclaim them, and in what

It is highly likely that tomorrow's declaration will reflect his concern not to do or say anything which appears to under-mine the wider solidarity of the West in a time of crisis.

Accord to speed up **Egypt-Israel** ties Palestinian autonomy.

Jerusalem, Feb 4

مكنامن الدُمما،

The Egyptian and Israeli governments have agreed to the establishment of a comprehensive new negotiating framework designed to speed up the process of normalizing relations well ahead of the schedule laid down last year in the Camp David accords.

Under the terms of the plan it is hoped that formal agreements on the main issues of aviation, culture and trade can be reached within the next six weeks. This compares with the written stipulation in the peace treaty that bilateral discussions under these three headings need not begin until July 26. It is understood that the new

framework was worked out during three days of intense private talks in Cairo between six senior Israeli and Egyptian officials. The results were reported this morning to Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, who later said the talks had been "completely successful ".

Egypt and Israel have agreed to set up eight joint sub-comdiscuss the immediate establishment of normal ties in tourism, air and sea transport, civil aviation, culture and science, trade and telecommunications, economy. energy, and agriculture.

A strict timerable has been laid down for the sub-commit-tees, half of which will meet in Israel and the other in Egypt Each sub-committee will bave about six members including officials from the relevant ministries and from both foreign ministries.

The agreement has coincided with reports in Israeli political circles of a more business-like approach being adopted to normalization by the Egyptian

authorities. The two factors are cited as evidence that, for the present at least the process is not being linked with progress

The two countries have also agreed to establish a joint commission to handle financial claims at government level. One subject likely to be raised is the question of the oil extracted by Israel from the Alma oil-field before it was handed back to the Egyptians last November.

Since the complex process of normalization began on January 26, the practical results have been patchy and occasionally reduced to the level of farce by the heavy hand of Egyptian bureaucracy. Most Israelis now appear to accept that because of the centralization in Egypt, little in practical terms is likely to happen until the re'evant government - 20 - government agreements have been signed.

The setting up of the new sub-committees was described today by a senior Israeli Foreign Ministry official as "a very positive step forward. It comes after a pledge to increase the tempo of normalization given last month by President Sadat of Egypt to Mr Ezer Weizman, the Israeli minister responsible for the process.

Today's disclosure coincided with the arrival in Israel of an Egyptian diplomatic team to choose premises for the Egrptian Embassy and the ambassador's residence.

The Exyrtians have be temporarily installed in a Tel Aviv seafront hotel and given a list of some 40 potentially suitable buildings.

After some initial confusion it has been agreed that the official unfurling of flags at the two embassies exchange of charges d'affaires will take place on February 15. The ambassadors will present their credentials on February

The Israeli Government has already taken possession of an eight-room building in the fashionable Dokki district of Cairo, near the Nile, which will serve as an embassy until larger premises can be found. Officials from the Israeli Defence Ministry have Defence expressed satisfaction with the being linked with progress stringent security measur towards an agreement on introduced by the Egyptians.

Call for sanctions against states holding UN staff

From Laurie Nadel

New York, Feb 4
The Federation of International Civil Servants is calling on the United Nations administration to impose economic sanctions against states that refuse to cooperate in the settlement of human rights dis-putes involving United Nations employees.

The sanctions would consist of a withdrawal of all United Nations programmes and the freezing of United Nations assets of a state that detains without charge any of the 44,000 international civil servants employed by the world organization.

The demand was made in response to the continuing imprisonment of Miss Alicia Wesolowska, a 35-year-old Polish employee of the United Nations Development Pro-gramme who was arrested by the Polish security police while visiting her parents in August.

During a recent meeting of the federation at United Nations headquarters here, staff members said they were disturbed by the administration's "callous inaction" at the detentions, disappearances, or reported deaths of seven of their colleagues in Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Argentina, Chile and Poland.

that the Adminstration's official position is to seek resolution of cases involving staff members through discreet negotia-tions. However, Mr Lowell Flanders, president of the staff committee, is accusing the legal department and the United acions Secretary-General of

laxity.
The Polish authorities have not formally responded to the United Nations request for information about any charges against Miss Wesolowski and have refused to allow a United Nations representative access to

Sources close to her family report that Polish officials in-dicated that Miss Wesolowska would be brought to trial in one or two months. She is said to be under pressure to admit has lost a great deal of weight, her hair is falling out, and her

health is deteriorating.

A legal brief on Miss Wesolowska's case, prepared by a Washington international law firm, states: "Whether Miss Wesolowska's immunity is ultimately applicable or not. Poland's refusal to permit United Nations officials access to her is a direct breach of Poland's duties to the United Nations ".

The report recommends that the United Nations should sub-A United Nations legal mit the case to the International department spokesman has said Court of Justice in The Hague.

Peking drought hits wheat and irrigation

Peking, Feb 4.-A severe drought has affected the Peking region, killing winter wheat in some areas and threatening to impede crop planting in the spring, according to the Peking Daily today.

Since September the Peking municipality had had only 1.2 inches of rain or snow. That was 2.9 inches less than in the same period last year and 2.2 inches less than during the last bad drought in 1972.

The newspaper said: "Some small and medium-sized reservoirs have very little water in them and other small reservoirs have already run dry." Such a drought had "seldom been seen in the past 45 years."

Chinese make third change of commanders

Peking, Feb 4.—A new com-mander has taken over China's strategic Urumqi military region which is on the border with the Soviet Union in Central Asia, the People's Daily re-ported today. It was the third important command change reported in the Chinese press the past two weeks.
Diplomatic sources said the Government appeared undertaking a reshuffle of to raise younger men to senior ostuons. The *People's Daily* said the

new commander in Urumqi, in China's Xinjiang (Sinkiang) province, is Xiao Quanfu, a former deputy commander of the Senyang military region.—

Delhi tries to stop Pakistan arming ment in his weekend talks with of deflecting Pakistan from

From Richard Wigg Delhi, Feb 4

Mr R. D. Sathe, India's Foreign Secretary, left here his evening for Islamabad to ry to convince President Zia Il-Haq and his fellow generals o resist the lure of American veaponry against the Soviet hreat across the Afghanistan

wrder. As Delhi's top professional liplomar he may be able to talk he same language as the senior fficials in the Pakistan Foreign Ainistry. They too have tried o maintain a balancing act ince the crisis broke a month go. But the real problem will han life in Indian eyes by the ole he has now assumed for

bigniew Brzezinski, President on Moscow to agree to with-arter's national security ad-iser, has not reached agree-

the Pakistan generals over the modernizing its forces. level of American military aid, Mrs Gandhi will give the Sathe mission at least a sporting chance.

Mr Sathe went off bearing letter from Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister, the second she has written to General Zia since taking office. After the public warnings made here during the past week in the presence of Mr Clark Clisford, President Carter's special envoy, that Pakistan should not fall into the "trap"

of accepting American arms, Mr Sathe has talked about improving relations in the spirit than life in Indian eyes by the of the 1972 Simla agreement. But it is now clearly realized, if not stated in public, that only some kind of Indian pressure the proving relations in the spirit of the 1972 Simla agreement. But it is now clearly realized, if not stated in public, that only some kind of Indian pressure the proving relations in the spirit of the 1972 Simla agreement.

Mrs Gandhi will have a chance to try her hand when she meets Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, who is due bere next week. But there may be more effective ways by quietly conveying to the Russians, out of public hearing, the region's profound

dislike of what they have done

in non-aligned Afghanistan.

Such quiet diplomacy will, of course, take time and this in the Indian view is the danger behind the Brzezinski visit. President Carter is under domestic pressure to "do something" and, in Delhi's view, the national security adviser, who did not even bother to come here, is perhaps the worst coun-sellor Mr Carter could have on how this region really feels.

Massacre survivors say Soviet advisers present Boston, Feb 4.—Afghan reprisal against the civilian roops last year slaughtered population since fighting began troops last year slaughtered

more than 1,000 Afghan civilians, The Christian Science Monitor reported today.

The newspaper quoted survivors who said about 200 Afghan soldiers and policemen, in the company of 20 Soviet advisers, machine-gunned almost the entire male population of the small town of Kerala on April 20.

vinces in an attempt to associate civilians with his associate civilians with his martial law Government.

The need for a closer relationship with the population is being felt in Government quarters in view of the indefinite postponement of gazare. "They forced all the men to line up in crouching positions in the field just outside the town and then opened up with their machine guns from behind", Abdul Latif, an Afghan traffic policeman now living in Pakistan, was quoted as saying.

"Then they spread out through the town, gunning down all the remaining men they could find." The shooting in the small town in eastern Afghanistan's Kunar Province was the first reported case of a mass military

Three missing

safe and well

porthern Afghanistan.

Kabul, Feb 4.-Three Western

correspondents who had not

been heard from since they left

their hotel here on Friday re-

ported today that they were safe and well in a town in

A telegram sent by Richard Balmforth, a Reuter correspon-

dent, from Mazari Sharif, near the Soviet border, said he and

the other two journalists had

been delayed by bad weather and would be returning to Kabul by bus on Sunday.

The three correspondents left

Kabul by taxi on Friday but

reporters

almost two years ago, the paper

The shooting was reportedly ordered by a Soviet officer who wore an Afghan uniform without rank insignia. Survivors said that as they watched, an army buildozer ploughed the bodies into an open field. Circumstantial proof: Stories atrocities keep coming to

light from among the Afghan refugees and although difficult, if not impossible, to verify, the very existence of so many refugees is proof that persecution on a large scale was going on, Ian Murray writes from Paris. At the same time poor com

munications inside Afghanistan have tended to make rumour powerful influence and many efugees explain that they fled their native village because of what they had heard was hap-pening in other villages near by.

Soviet airliner beats US trade union ban New York, Feb 4.—A Soviet airliner with 68 passengers and

a crew of 10 on board landed at Kennedy International Airport yesterday despite instruc-tions to proceed to Dulles International Airport in Washington national Airport in Washington because of a ban by unionized luggage handlers and other ground service employees.

Officials said they had been told of the unauthorized landing about 30 minutes before the Ilyushin62 jet from Moscow typiched down at 2:34 pm.

touched down at 2:34 pm, The passengers waited more than an hour, and then their luggage was handled by a private contractor. New York were stopped together with private contractor.

other traffic, at the Salang Pass. Times News Service.

Greek farmers 'strike' for higher prices and pensions From Mario Modiano Athens, Feb 4

Athens, Feb 4
Greek farmers went on "strike" today to press the Government for higher security prices for their produce, full insurance against crop damage, the rebling of farmers' pensions, and the deferment of their loan obligations for 10 years. The farmers were called upon to abstain from all commercial

dealings for a week by the Pan-hellenic Confederation of Farmers' Associations which is also planning to hold mass protest rallies in provincial cities next weekend.

action may be due to the stocks usually kept by the merchants. There are, however, limited supplies of fresh products.

The farmers' associations were originally launched by the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok), the man opposition party, to organize farmers poliparty, to organize farthers politically and counterbalance the largely apolitical and state-controlled agricultural cooperatives. Recently, however, the pro-Moscow Greek Communist Party was said to have managed to wrest control of several associations from Pasok.

When the Government announced last month that far-The Ministry of Commerce asserted today that Athens had been adequately supplied with regetables, fruit, meat and poultry, and that in some instances prices had in fact declined. The absence of shortages on the first day of the moratorium.

Journalist shot while filming in Zambia dies Sydney, Feb 4.—Anthony Joyce the Australian television

journalist who was wounded in Zambia last November has died in hospital in London without regaining consciousness. Mr Joyce, aged 33, was shot by an unidentified assailant after filming a bridge destroyed

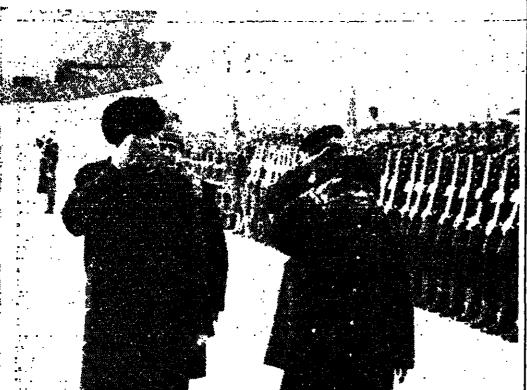
by Rhodesian commandos just south of Lusaka. Briton jailed: A British mechanic living in southern

Rhodesia was jailed for two years in Lusaka today for enter-ing Zambia with unlicensed ammunition.

Bryan Arthur Stauley, aged 40, of Kariba, had admitted having 66 bullets without a licence in his car

Jeffrey Holden, aged 22, an Australian travelling with Mr Stanley will go on trial here for the same offence on February 13.—Reuter.





President Brezhnev and Mr Heng Samrin inspecting a guard of honour in Moscow.

Kampuchea leader in Moscow

Moscow, Feb 4,-Mr Heng Samrin, president of the Vietnamese-supported government of Kampuchea, arrived in Moscow today to a warm welcome from President Leonid The Phnom Penh leader was

installed in power after Vietnamese troops entered Kampuchea at the end of 1978 and the pro-Chinese government

probably centering on Soviet aid to his administration.

The Soviet Union has been providing the Phnom Peuh Government with food, medicines, cars and equipment for building small factories. It is also believed to have sent military supplies to the Heng Samrin army which, with the help of Vietnamese troops, is still fighting supporters of Mr Pol Pot.—Reuter. Aid difficulties: The Rev Jean-

Louis Clavaud, representative of the World Council of Churches in Phnom Penh, spoke today of his unending struggle " to get

His visit is likely to last at going to the people" (Alan least a week and include formal discussions with Soviet leaders,

He said all aid was distributed by the Kampuchean Government, but "we do have a few opportunities to check ourselves on what is happening

to food and medical supplies According to reports, distribution in areas distant from the main cities was still very slow and inadequate. Mr Clavaud, who spent 15 years in Kampuchea as a Protestant missionary and speaks fluent Khmer, said he did not believe that distribution difficulties were

caused deliberately.

While the regime was avowedly Marxist, he said, there was no restriction on religious services in private homes.

Interpol joins hunt for missing union leader

From M. G. G. Pillai Singapore, Feb. 4

The Singapore Government has asked both Malaysia and Interpol to help find Mr Phey Yew Kok, aged 46, who has been missing since January 7 when he failed to answer charges of criminal breach of trust and misappropriation of trade union funds.

What is unusual about the request is that Mr Phey was a respected trade unionist, the immediate past president of the National Trades Illian immediate past president of the National Trades Union Congress (SNTUC), a member of Parliament and in the inner councils of Singapore's ruling People's Action Party (PAP). He was charged in December

six counts of criminal breach of trust and misappro-priation of funds' from 'two controlled. trade unions he totalling \$100,000 totalling \$100,000 Singapore dollars (about £20,000). Another two charges would have been added had the trial

He was allowed to retain his passport and several theories leadership within the party have him in Malaysia. That and is known to have support land. Taiwan or dead. The among a section of the island's court has since ordered that 69 members of Parliament. the two people who put up bail forfeit almost \$\$5100,000.

LDS SNIUC reacted sharply dismissing him from all including the offices for ulterior motives. secretary generalship of three Some Singaporeans feel that powerful trade unions under the Government allowed Mr powerful trade unions under the Government allowed Mr its umbrella: the Singapore In- Phey to disappear, but it dustrial Labour. Organization remains speculation.

Five opposition parties in

the Indian Upper House staged

a walkout today in protest over

the 'Government's refusal to

table immediately the full text

of the report of a judicial in-

quiry into the activities of Mr

Kanti Desai, the son of the

Instead, the Opposition al-

leged, the Government of Mrs

Indira Gandhi had chosen to

leak to a local news agency vesterday what they called a distorted version of the report. It quotes Mr Justice

Vaidialingam as finding that Mr Kanti Desai exploited his

father's position to exercise

This was exactly the charge brought against Mr Sanjay Gandhi, the younger son of the present Prime Minister, by the

former Janata government when it set up official inquiries.

far as it is known here, would

provide Mrs Gandhi with an

opportunity to give Janata some

of the medicine she found so bitter when she was out of

Anniversary day

pledge given

Colombo, Feb 4.

to-Sri Lankans

From Our Correspondent

places of worship marked the

Lanka's independence and the

inauguration of the presidential

A military parade and one by

In a message to the nation;

President Jayewardene said the

positive policies of his government would in the near future

bring about better living and

economic standards for all.

provided support for virtually

The food stamp scheme had

thousands of schoolchildren were staged in the southern

second anniversary of

form of government.

half the population

town of Matara.

The Vaidialingam report, so

constitutional autho-

former Janata Prime Minister.

From Richard Wigg Delhi, Feb 4

(SILO); the Pioneer Industries Employees Union (PIEU) and the Singapore Air Transport Union (SATU).

If his trial is not held, the

Yew, the Prime Minister, has

against leading members of its

their cost over the past 20

There are still many un-known reasons for the downfall

of Mr Phey but it is under-

after a routine audit of the

unions he controlled. Coinci-

deutally, he has been known to

He has been uncautiously critical of the English educated

among a section of the island's

It is understood that Mr Lee

had Mr Phey in mind when he

leaders last year of using their

The opposition parties—the Janata, Lok Dal, the Anti-Gaudhi Congress and the two

Communist parties—today de-manded in the Rajya Sabha

government action on all the judicial inquiries, not forget-ing the Shah and Maruti com-

missions, at present only gather-

ing dust. Opposition spokes-men suspected that the leakage represented "smear ractics"

to be exploited if the Govern-

ment goes ahead and calls for legislative elections soon in the

legislative elections soon in the states not ruled by Congress.

Mr Justice Vaidfalingham was., in 1978, appointed by the Government of Mr Morarji Desai, on the advice of the Chief Justice of India, to hold a one-man inquiry in the face of persistent allegations brought against his son by the Congress Party, which was then in apposition.

The report, according to the agency, has found sufficient ground to recommend a Shah-

type commission of inquiry into allegations that Mr Kanti Desai

intervened to secure appointments in the Central Board of

in opposition.

the scene.

Opposition walk out over

Desai inquiry report

be building up support among

that he was charged

hesitated to move

Ottawa, Feb 4

foreign policy is a main issue in a Canadian election camspecific charges against him will not obe known. The People's Action Party under the leadership of Mr Lee Kuan paign, and it is one that could save the ruling Conservatives from a disastrous defeat.

> port for the Libera's from 51 per cent to 46 per cent in two weeks. Support for the Tories increased from 31 per cent to 33 per cent. The number of undecided voters increased from 30 per cent to 40 per cent.

Minister, seemed to be gaining support even before last week's disclosures about the escape of six Americans from Iran with the help of the Canadian the Chinese-educated group within the PAP to try for the leadership after Mr Lee leaves Embassy.

The increase in Mr Clark's popularity was because of his support for President Carter's response to the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. That response seems to have been well received by Canadians.

decisive stand Pierre Trudeau, the Liberal leader and former Prime Minister, has temporized. He described the Soviet intervention as "clumsy" and "not accept able" but at the same time attempted to paint Mr Clark as the villain, suggesting that the Russians would not have dared to move into Afghanistan if the Prime Minister had rallied Western leaders behind President Carter on the Landers

boycott of the Olympics.

In a speech last week in Toronto, he attempted to extricate himself by giving qualified support for the proposal. But his endorsement was so bound by qualifications when its proposal is not become the proposal of the proposal of

by qualifications that it was difficult to say exactly where

Mr Trudeau may now be facing even more serioius trouble. Questions are being asked whether he fulfilled his responsibilities in the affair of the six freed American host-

confidence last November and told him about the shelter being secretly provided for the Americans. Yet the parliamentary record shows that Mr. Trudeau kept hammering away about events in Iran during Commons question time, when it should have been obvious

The Prime Minister, for his part, is being accused of keying his response to the Afghanistan crisis to domestic political con-

Canada's Tories on climb back

From John Best

The latest opinion poll on the February 18 election indicates the beginning of a trend against the Liberals, the opposition party in the short-lived last Parliament.

The survey, by the CTV net-work, shows a decrease in sup-

In contrast to the Prime dent Carter on the Iran hostage

Mr Trudeau has probably damaged himself by failing to support Mr Carter's call for a

ages.
Mr Clark has disclosed that
he took Mr Trudeau into his that because of the lives en-trusted to its care the Govern-ment would have preferred to be silent.

Direct Taxes and over certain Today was the second time in a week of stormy scenes in the Rajya Sabba, where the Opposition have a majority.

Human suffering goes on as rights officials dither

From Our Correspondent Geneva Feb 4 Ceremonies in Buddhist, Christian, Hindu and Muslim

In addressing the opening session today of the United Nations Human Rights Commission, Mr Theo van Boven, director of the United Nations human rights division, asked whether they could continue to apply pro-cedures "considerably distant from what is really happening

in the world": Citing the case of Uganda, whose people "for eight years cried out in the wilderness for help " against the former President Amin, he queried whether the commission had not been resorting to expediency on matters of life and death.

He suggested that some of

their procedures were becoming screens of confidentiality to prevent cases from being aired in public. In seeking to coopwere allowing years to pass while victims continue to suffer and nothing meaningful is

The United States delegation has indicated that during the six-week session it will lose no opportunity of raising the question of Afghanistan and the exiling of Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet dissident scientist Mr Waleed Saidi, of Jordan, was appointed chairman. The session's agenda gives priority to the question of people who have disappeared, particularly in Latin American countries.

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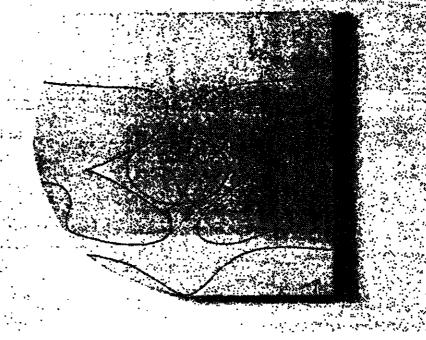
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It is difficult not to respect an artist who, in mid-career, turns his back on popularity, secure reputation and sales, in order to strike out in some radically new direction. It is sometimes also difficult to feel that heor his psyche—has made quite the right choice. Victor Pasmore, the subject of this choice Arts Council retrospective—the first since the Tate's, 15 years ago—is a still-controversial case in point. Up to about 1950 he worked almost entirely in a representational style, evolving from a Fauve period of bright colours and shorthand forms in the mid-1930s (virtually no paintings from this time survive) through the muted colours and slightly smudged forms of the Euston Road school to the delricate Whistlerian harmonies of his misty Thames landscapes, as in the famous Hanging Gardens of Hammersmith series. An artist, evidently, in a familiar, readily acceptable tradition.

Then, suddenly, he went abstract. Actually, it was not all that sudden: one of the most striking things about this retrospective is that it enables us to put together for our-selves all the pieces in Pasmore's remarkably consistent and logical development. We can already see from the way. he, very convincingly, mixes styles in a painting like the View from Magdalenc Bridge, Cambridge, of 1947—geometrical areas of flat colour for the buildings on the right, pointablishe dots of colour for the base of the left that he the trees on the left—that he was already looking through the landscape which superficially binds the two styles together and reaching towards the pattern which could be abstracted from this complex visual experience. In the third of the Hanging Gardens of Hammersmith the process is already far advanced; the derailed evocation of a scene



Cave of Calupso: the Seed, oil and gravure on board, by Victor Pasmore

of dots which we might guess architectural which he was are bushes. Not that it matters doing during the 1950s, where whether we do or not: representation has become by now of minimal importance in the effect the painting has on us. The earliest abstracts were

not, in fact, so far removed from this, and the link is in some cases emphasized by an evocative title: it was no doubt in 1951 easier for spectators to relate to a painting if it was called The Snowstorm was called The Snowstorm than if Pasmore had left it at the sub-title, Spiral Motif in Black and White. To my taste, some of these scarcely-representational paintings, whichever side of the line they now seem to fall, are the peak of Pasmore's work: unique, immediately recognizable, full of intense excitement just conof intense excitement just con-rained with a strict formal pattern, as fresh and vivid now as

the day they were painted.

No. the great divide in Pasmore's work comes not at the most recent works emerge as transition from representa- any more appealing: in the tional to abstract, but at the wake of Abstract Expresmove away from painting itself into construction. This too was anticipated: also at the end of the 1940s he had begun to try his hand at collage, and works work lately, by way of dribbled in low relief or—a recurrent paint or poured paint allowed form, this, in his later career—to flow hither and thither over form, this, in his later career—to flow hither and thither over paintings in which the major a tilted surface. Paintings in shapes are enclosed engraved lines, seemed like a The Dream of Hieronymus natural extension. Some of Bosch, though they suggest an

there is an almost whimsical interplay of colours and degrees of advance towards or recession from the spectator, on both sides of the transpar-ent sheet which forms, illusionistically, the pictorial plane. But then Pasmore bacame more and more interested in a different kind of construction, much more evidently sculptural made from wood and plastic. These mostly feel flimsy, and have not worn physically 100 well: they gather dust, the colour starts they to chip and peel, the sheets of perspex discolour, and they tend to look disconcertingly like the constructions it was briefly popular to make schoolchildren fashion out of bits of dismantled Spirfires just after the war.

sionism, perhaps (though a long way in the wake) Pasmore has been making chance play a much larger role in his this show like Volcano or The Dream of Hieronymus

bare winter trees and patches all sorts of scales up to the ing. On the other hand two of dots which we might guess architectural which he was rom a series Cave of Calypso. rom a series Cave of Calypso, elso of 1977, remind us that when he chooses to stay in tirmer control than pouring paint allows, he does have a wonderful way with lines as unpredictable yet precise, as mysterious yet significant, as any neolithic earthwork. His talents seem to be for painting above all: it is only when he gets too far away from the traditional disciplines of drawing a line and painting a more or less flat surface that one begins to wonder. But it is some tribute to his continuing vitality that still, after all these years (Pasmore has now been exhibiting for half a century) we continue to question, and take nothing for granted.

Not so far away, over in Sheffield, there is another Arts Council touring exhibition which is not, at the moment, Council scheduled to come to London. It is devoted to the sculpture and drawings of Henri Laurens, who did, admittedly, have a fair London innings at the Hayward in 1971. The predominant effect of any collec-tion of Laurens's work is lightness and gaiety, not qualities one normally associates immediately with sculpture, especially sculpture on a large scale. But many of the dancing, bouncing, pneumatically reclining miniatures and notthe earlier paintings of the still capture the imagina- affinity with paintings like so-miniatures here also exist in the essentials of lines which we can just about recognize as the characteristic of a number on far less convincing and appeal. have become his own stringed so-miniatures here also exist in

music-making is equally light-some on a monumental scale in Caracas.

Laurens is also one of those artists who, confident though their later developments may be, still leave us wondering if they always developed in quite the right- or most desirable way. He is very closely comparable with Lipchitz: in the careers of them both the magic moment seems to have been careers of them both the magic moment seems to have been during the 1920s, when their contact with the Cubist idea was closest. From 1921 to about 1928 Laurens's refined, angular, slightly Deco forms are immediately distinctive and combine elegance with a touch of wit in a way which is intensely appealing. Once he moves away from this style towards the looser treatment of move-ment in sculpture, and starts effect producing dimen-nal versions of Picasso's heavy-limbed. oin-headed Bathers, he becomes that much less interesting and distinctive. 🖈

The three artists commemorated under the general title.

Drawn from Nature represent a specifically English approach; draughtsmen and watercolourists, they celebrated the English countryside and scenes of rural life and labour in a way which has no real parallel in the rustic schools of other countries. One could not hand on heart, say that A. S. Hartrick, Thomas Hennell and Vincent Lines were major in figures, but all of them have hallmarks of the accomplished perit mattre, each with "his own little speciality. In Hennell's case it was pencildrawing: his watercolours tend 1 to be wishy-washy, but his drawings of country buildings traditional farm ments are crisp and sparkling. Hartrick was at his best as a lithographer, and the prints shown here including severals A of his famous series of war-workers, 1914-18, show that the recent exhibition in London, at: Robin Garton's, was far from exhausting his supply of memorable images. (His wife, Lily Blatherwick, whose moody flower pieces are also featured, seems worthy of further investigation in her own right.) And Vincent Lines, though, again a bit vague and watery in his landscapes, was a won! derful portrait draughtsman: and Welsh bards offer a living." breathing likeness of the man, with the utmost economy and grace. The three men were ... friends and members of the i Royal Watercolour Society: in... death as in life they go well! together and evoke immediate. delight as well as generalized. "
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Recovering from an allergy We could all admire, in that various quality, though her group, her brilliant runs and account of Barber's "The Crucitrills, and boldly graced Da fixion" quite won me over; Capo sections which often she kept the genuine black exploited her top register (not article for her encores, and

Shirley Verrett

Covent Garden

William Mann

It was not until after her first encore on Sunday night that Shirley Verrett told her Royal Opera House audience of the "allergies" from which she had been suffering in this, her first song recital there. Most of us had probably noticed that she cleared her throat discreetly during the fourth song of Schumacen's Frauenliebe und lehen, and elsewhere some may have

remarked on awkward place-ment of tone around treble clef G. or uncharacteristically cloudy focus in the same region and a little above. Every singer has to "warm up" the voice, whence the conventional start with eighreenth-century Italian arias, in her case three from operas attributed to Pergolesi. An allergy must have made it

Dance Umbrella Riverside Studios

John Percival

Of eight ballets presented in the course of two weekend programmes at Riverside Studios by the EMMA Dance Company, only one, and that the last of them, seemed to have both a point to make and the expertise to put it over.

That was Ladylove, by Tamara McLorg, who used diverse crude, jostling passages were dance idioms from the world of much more interesting than light entertainment, including those which attempted a more tap, soft shoe shuffle, bumps serene mood, and I found the and grinds, to get across the collage score (snatches of contrast between the public Delius cheek by jowl with a glamour of a uniform (military strange mumbling tape) an unor theatrical) and the private satisfactory way of paralleling squalor of those who have to wear it. An unimaginably awful recording of popular hits from two world wars underlined the had one written. theme. This was not a great work, but it was entertaining.

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shown were dull in such obvious ways that I do not want to bore you by listing their deficiencies. Two, however, are and he has a bright, although worth some comment. Lenny Westerdijk's Atolen at least gave its dancers some interesting movements, but the apparent theme of unrelatedness made for an amorphous effect, and Douglas Gould's piano music had no great distinction although the choreographer used it well.

and in retrospect, as a whole

interpretation, more so in two

Gautier settings by Chausson, seldom heard these days; "La

caravane", a grandly cramatic piece, was strongly charac-

terized and shaped.

Jacqui Carroli's Play back had the merit of making its point entirely through con-trasted movements, but the

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Some may have wondered whether her recent ventures artistry and authenticity in Every Time I Feel the Spirit " and "Keep Your Hand on the into soprano territory had upset her mezzo register. By the Plough". second half of the programme. So the So they were too in the English traditional "O Waly, Waly", in Benjamin Britten's version—his Lucretia was her the placement of the voice sounded happier, and there were only occasional tussles with operatic debut role. In the Spanish traditional "El paño intonation. Two soprano operanc arias possibly excepted (downward transposed, so I murciano" her fervent, attenfancied), she sang as a mezzo-soprano, to eloquent purpose in several of the Schumann songs,

so pleasantly in the last aria). marvellous indeed were her

tive pianist, Warren Wilson, also gave much pleasure—whereas his extrovert manner was unsuited to Schumann, Miss Verrett is clearly a recitalist of some range and musical curiosity, one from whom we will hope to hear more, especially if the will give up soprano operatic aspirations and Black singers are expected to let us hear her Charlotte and include some spirituals in a Herodiede and Dalila instead. recital programme. Miss Verrett not to mention the Italian mezzo included a group of white roles for which we still live American religious songs, of her best.

of the chosen repertory. Johnny not very assertive personality. The other cancers achieve a modest competence within their limits but project little in the way of character.

One of the three items in Sunday's late-night solo performance by Maedee Ducres was very odd, a freaky dancedrama by Jacky Lansley inter-preting Joan of Arc's life with somewhat contrived humour, so that even the flames (probably meant to be serious) got a laueh.

On the other hand, Standing swing allowed Duprès to show her highly stylish and individual qualities to fine advantage. Performed in silence, the choreography by Ian Spink exploited a coherent range of movement but traversed a pleasing variety of manners. A most ingenious costume adapted most ingenious costume adapted itself to the different phases by converting instantaneously in stages from a close-fitting to a loose shape as the dance pro-

Amsterdam Quartet even managed to make Mozart's D minor quarter sound mishandled and ill-proportioned with their scrawny tone, their failure to maintain a pulse, their unprom-Saturday night's recital was given by Durch musicians, but since this was a Redcliffe Concert of British Music attention was bound to focus on the one contribution from this side of the Channel, a new string quartet by Malcolm Dedman. The programme, too, asserted the importance of the new work, which occupied prime place in the second half with only Strayising tempos and their obstinate the second half with only Stray a panacea for the times, not were coerse and dreary noninsky's little Concerting to wrap by any means.

things up. And then there was Mind you, it could have had needed as a challenge to have more persuasive advocates. The by any means.

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Balint Vazsonyi Oueen Elizabeth Hall

Max Harrison

Several different aspects of the in Baline Vazsony's recital on Sunday afternoon, and he began with a substantial Bartok group. This opened with the Allegro barbaro, a defiantly dissonant piece that was an early statement of intent by the composer and which received a performance that was somewhat crude, yet effective in its vitality.

The Fifteen Hungarian Peasant Songs were at times heavy-handed also, but the dynamic range was particularly wide, and there was plenty of spontaneous feeling. Certainly Mr Vazsonyi did nothing to mitigate Bartok's asperities—which is as it should be—and this was an uncompromisingly

were badly out of scale, their textures distended. A very different side of Mr.

Vazsonyi was shown in Schubert's Sonata in G major D.894, the most poetic of the entire series. The often very balanced, with the more rapid figuration sensitively inflected. A warmly sensuous tone was, produced in both the first two movements and the Andante's in the succeeding Scherzo, were most impressive. The rather bucolic finale was done with less poise, yet this was still a most affecting interpretation as a whole.

Schubert calls his third movement a minuet, but it is a scherzo in all but name whereas the Minuet and Passepied of Debussy's Suite Bergamasque hark back to the old dance forms in a way that is almost neo-classical. Mr. Vazsonyi played these with an full-scale performance. However, the following Romanian yet was better still in "Clair de lune", the one piece in this too capriciously, and these little pieces, normally so charming in their piquancy, apt sense of physical motion, yet was better still in "Clair de lune", the one piece in this are early work that looks forward to the new musical world the

Ondine postponed

The Royal Ballet has dropped its plan for a revival in April of Sir Frederick Ashton's threc-act ballet Ondine, and instead to be the state of the is substituting a triple bill of works new to the company.
Ondine was created for Dame Margot Fonteyn in 1958, with a commissioned score by Hans Werner Henze, but it has not been seen at Covent Garden since the 1966-67 season. The revival had been planned to contribute to the company's fiftieth anniversary scason, in 1989 81 The Royal Ballet says that,

when they investigated the changes needed to reproduce the work to Sir Frederick's satisfaction, it became apparent that the time involved in achiev-ing a new version of the work was more than they had avail-able. The revival has only been postnoned, but no new date has yet been agreed. In the meanver been agreed. In the mean-time Sir Frederick has said that he very much hopes to make a new one-act work for the Royal Ballet during the summer of 1980.

The new works will be seen at Covent Garden for the first time on April 29, and include Robert North's Troy Game. which was created for the Lon-Contemporary Dance

Theatre in a style somewhat dif-Thearre in a style somewhat direction that usually seen at the Royal Opera House. The Ballet is set to a mixed score of Batucada folk music and percussion music by Bob Downes.

The second of the one-act ballets will be the premiere of a second by the second of the one-act ballets will be the premiere of a second by the sec new work by David Bindley, as yet untitled It will be his first for the Royal Ballet, although he has already had success with works for the Sadler's Wells of Royal Ballet. The last work in the triple bill will be Kenneth MacMillan's My Brother. My sisters, which he created for the Sturgara Ballet in 1978. The

music is by Schoenberg and webern.

Two of the performances of the MacMillan ballet will represent a departure from the Royal.

Bellet's current policy of restrictions on guest artists: trictions on guest artists: Richard Cragun and Birgit Keil will be denoting the roles they are created at Stuttgart, on May 1; and 3.

and 3.
During May, Sadler's Wells
Royal Ballet will be annearing:

at Covent Garden for the first
time in five years. They will
present Peter Wright's Comelia
and a triole bill of Grosse Fuge;

Playground and Paquita.

Martin Huckerby...

La Gioconda at Verona

open-zir arena in Verona opens with Ponchielli's La Gioconda on July 10. The other operas will be three ballet evenings by Renato Bruson (March (August 23, 27 and 29). The Katia Ricciarelli (April 18) Spring season at the Teatro Magda Oliviero (April 23).

This summer's festival at the Filarmonico begins on March & ... with Lucia di Lammermoor. The ... other operas to be given are 3. double bill of Mozart's Bastien to be performed are Carmen et Bastienne with Busoni's (first night July 12) and Aide Turandot, and Zandonai's Fran-(first night July 27). Towards cesca da Rimini. There will also ... the end of the festival there be three recital evenings, given! by Renato Bruson (March 28), "" Katia Ricciarelli (April 18) and

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Football

England's overseas players could miss final build-up

After years of grudging co-operation between the interests of the Football League and England's national team, it is ironic that now, when the relationship has now, when the relationship has rarely been better, there is a distinct chance of preparations for hext summer's European championship finals in Italy being hindered by the absence of two or three players who are based on the Continent.

**Reegan (Hambury) Woodcock

on the Continent.

Keegan (Hamburg), Woodcock (Cologue) and Cunningham (Real Madrid) are likely to be otherwise engaged during the important home international tournament less than a month before the European champiouship begins and they could also miss the international match against Argendia, the World Cup holders, at Wembley on May 13. Yesterday Ron Greenwood, the England manager, said that the strength of the squad that had been built-up over the last two years should mean the last two years should mean that if any of the players missed the preparatory matches England would not be sunk. However, it is obviously not an ideal time to be without Keegan's inspiring captaincy and the attacking ability of Woodcock.

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In effect, Mr Greenwood could find himself with only one senior international match in which to field the definitive team to carry England's hopes in Italy. The game against Spain in Barcelona on March 25 is becoming the most interesting of the six to be played before the first European championship match against Belgium on June 12. Certainly, it will give a more accurate indication of England's chances than tomorrow's last qualifying game against the last qualifying game against the Republic of Ireland at Wembley. Mr Greenwood pointed out that Keegan and Woodcock were not definitely out? of the home international tournament but with Hamburg still involved in the European Cup and Cologne also

released. Both have contracts allowing them to play for Eng-lan dbut only in World Cup and European championship events.

At least Mr Greenwood could report, that the Football League had acted to ensure that the week of the game against Spain was free from domestic matches. Because of a misunderstanding at least two clubs, West Ham United and Nottingham Forest, had arranged fixtures but the League has written to them, and all other clubs. explaining that no matches can take place. England will also have a B international game against Spain at Sunderland.

The League's effort prompted Mr Greenwood to say that the relationship with the Football Association regarding the England team was "getting hetter and team was "getting better and better" with fewer obstacles be-ing encountered. He added that the absence of the Forest players from thisweek's match was be-cause of a "one-off situation". Shilton, Apderson and Francis are all in Barcelona for tonight's European Supercup second leg.

Mr Greenwood spent some time Mr Greenwood spent some time stressing the importance of having a loyal party of players including some who rarely gained places in the team. The sale of tickets for tomorrow's game seems to be evidence that the spirit of the side, whatever the compilation, and run of successful results have gained importsive auditic symmetry. impressive public sympathy. A full house of 93,000 is confidently predicted, by Wembley officials. The previous record for a game against the Republic was 52,000 in 1976.

While Mr Greenwood does not rule out the inclusion in the summer's European championship party of further new players he indicated yesterday that he was not interested in any who had shown a lack of enthusiasm before the current success in the qualifying competition. He said: "Some



England path.

players wanted to come back when

players wanted to come back when we were on an even ked, when we started out, but the fellows who got us out of trouble are with us now. Whether we're going to be successful we don't know, but we have got character; people who when the situation is tight will come out and fight for you." He felt they had resilience of the type that Scotland lacked at Wembley last year.

The team Mr Greenwood is to announce today will almost certainly include Johnson, the Liverpool forward, who won his last cap five years ago, and Sanson, the young Crystal Palace full back. Wilkins did not train yesterday because of an instep injury but still hopes to be considered, as does Brooking who has virtually recovered from a groin strain. The Irish received the good news that O'Leary, the Arsenal central defender, would be fit to play, but Mirrohy, of Crystal Palace, is doubtful.

Ireland prepared with a match against the Danish under-21 side at Bisham Abbey. Late goals from Stapleton and Heighway earned the Irish a 2—2 draw, but it was a disappointing performance. The Irish fielded nine of the 11 players expected to face England. The march would not have im-pressed Johnny Cartwright, the

England youth team manager, was a speciator. Johnny Giles, the Irish manager, said: "I don't attach any importance to that result, but at the same time a practice match was the best possible preparation." the best possible preparation."

Chris Hughton, the Spurs defender, is in line to win his second cap in preference to Arsenal's John Devine. One surprise inclusion in midfield could be 24-year-old Fran O'Brien from the North American League side, Philadelphia Furies. Only two years ago Derby County rejected him on medical grounds.

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SCORES: Hungary v Czechoslovakia (Czechosłovak names first): T. Smid best J. Benylk 6-2. 5-6. 6-2: J. Smid best J. Benylk 6-2. 5-6. 6-2: J. Smid best J. Benylk 6-2. 5-6. 6-2: J. Smid best J. Smid J.

Czechoslovakia retained

on January 31.

Czechoslovakia retained the King's Cup in Debrecen last night when they beat Hungary 2—1 in the second leg of the final. Czechoslovakia won the first leg 3—0 in Chrudim, Czechoslovakia

West Germany took third place

West Germany took third place in the competition when they beat the Soviet Union 2—1 in the second lep of their play-off in Moscow. The win repeated the victory which the West Germans scored in the first leg on January

Miss Wade lets

opportunity Seattle, Washington, Feb 4.—The second-seed, Tracy Austin, of the United States, defeated Virginia Wade, the fourth seed, of Britain 6—2, 7—6 in the final of the \$150,000 women's tournament here

In the second set, Miss Wade broke Miss Austin in the second and fourth games, then held her own service for a 4—0 lead. However, she frittered it away by dropping the next four games to be pulled back 4—4.

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Wade's service in the ninth game to lead 5—4, but Miss Wade broke back as Miss Austin served for the match in the next game. The American held two match points, but Miss Wade saved both. The match went to a liebreaker, which Miss Austin won decisively by 5—1

Cricket

Britain avoid Botham could be man to follow Brearley

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Melbourne, Feb 4 Although, for the moment, edamant about not touring again.

Le Mans. Feb 4.—Britain yes-terday beat France 3—0 at Le Mans in a King's Cup match to decide which nation would lose its place in the first division of the Mike Brearley said here today (the rest day of the third and last Test match between England and Australia) that he felt he was Anstrana) that he ten he was batting well enough to help out against West Indies in the coming English summer, should the selectors want him to. Brearley's 60 not European indoor men's team competition. The British had lost 2—1 to the French in the first-leg match at Gloucester last Thursday, but it was a totally different tors want him to, Brearley's 60 not out in England's first innings provided a lesson in application to some of his younger batsmen.

If Brearley does stay on and play against West Indies, the chances must still be that whoever is to take the England side to the West Indies next winter will finish up the summer series as captain. The favourite to do this is Botham, a great friend of story yesterday.

Reinforced by Christopher "Buster" Mottram, who flew back from the United States to take part, the British team won all three matches without dropping a set and took seventh place overall, the French accepting relegation to the second division.

Andrew Jarrett was twice taken to a tie-break before beating Dominique Bedel, but Mottram brushed aside Pascal Portes 6—4.

6—3 and Jarrett and David Llovd wrapped up an easy doubles victory over Gilles Moretton and Jean-Louis Haillet.

Bedel and Portes, themselves will finish up the summer series as captain. The favourite to do this is Botham, a great friend of Brearley's who is maturing fast and has a good cricket brain. As England's leading all-rounder he already has a lot on his plate, and at 24 he is very young for the job. But who else is there?

If Miller had remained fit and had a successful tour he might have been in the running, but he has not: it is much too soon for Gower and none of the county-captains is really suitable. There has been some talk of bringing in David Lloyd, of Lancashire, as a caretaker, although he lost the Lancashire captainty after doing if for four years and on the evidence of his one tour to Australia, in 1974,75, he is hardly a good enough player of fast bowling to withstand Roberts, Holding and the rest of them.

Keith Fletcher myst be in the Bedel and Portes, themselves brought back from the North American circuit to strengthen American circuit to strengthenthe French team, were unable
to produce their best form. Portes
threw away a good chance to pull
level at one-set all when he led
Mottram 3—2 and 40-love on the
Englishman's service, only to lose
set and match. The scratch
doubles pairing of Haillet and
Moretton never looked convincing, and gave Lloyd and Jarrett
few problems.

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the rest of them.

Keith Fletcher must be in the running; he has done well as captain of Essex and played some good innings in West Indies when England were last there, including one of 129 not out which saved the Barbados Test; Even 30, he has no liking any more for geneinely fast bowling, and at 35, rising 36, he is three years older than Lloyd.

Of the younger county captains.

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Rose, of Somerset, and Knight, of the book of the charseness, are both useful cricketers and Rose has Test experience. It would be asking too much of them, though, to undertake in West Indies in less than a year's time a tour which for political and cricketing reasons would be a specienced Test captain and a specienced Test captain and a successful. and Rose has Test experience. It would be asking too much of them, though, to undertake in West Indies in less than a year's time a tour which for political and cricketing reasons would be a tough assignment even for an experienced Test captain and a considerable player. Brearley has the stature to do it, should he change his mind, which must be very unlikely, and so, in theory, has Botham.

The other name, and one never

fat from the headlines, is, of course, Boycott. As a bathman he will almost tertainly go to the West Indies if he wants to, unless the selectors decide that he is not the man for a new young captain to have in his side. I am thinking that the best arrangement might be for Botham to take over at the start of England's home series against West Indies (within the next 14 months England are due to play 11 Test against West Indies) before, if he makes a success of R, going as captain to the Caribbéan with Boycott at his second in command. Botham has the strength of character to establish a good acceptant relationship the strength of character to estab-lish a good working relationship with Boycott Boycott himself would have some of the authority he covets. It could be a partner-ship to bring the best out of both of them.

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of them.

Although accepting that the Test
match here is bardly now winusble
for England—extept in the unlikely event of Australia's last five
wickets falling in a heap tomorrow
—Brearley believes it should be
saved. Not only will England be
looking for a replacement for their
captain in the coming season.
Willis may well be playing his last
Test match, and Willey, whose Test
scores out here have been nine."
12, eight, three and one is playing for his place.

Pien for Brearley: John Edwards,
the Australian team manager,
made an extraordinary appeal here
today for spectators to show more
courtesy to the England captain,
Mike Brearley, and not to boo
him.

Mr Edwards told reporters that

Mr Edwards told reporters that he was ashamed at crowd behaviour during the third Test on Sanutiay when Brearley was constructed ground while batting. "When the spectators hooted and jeered him when he reached his 50 on Saturday, I telt ashamed to be an Australian", Mr Edwards said. He described the behaviour as the "lowlight or the season".

"He is always the first bloke he stature to do it, should he to come into the Australian dress-hange his mind, which must be ing rooms with a cold bottle of ery unlikely, and so, in theory, las Botham.

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King shows 181 majestic form to lift W Indies

Hamilton, New Zealand, Feb 4.

Gordon Greendige hit 115 and Collis King a thunderous 88 today to help the West Indians take a right hold on their march against Northern Districts. The tourists declared their first innings closed at 377 for seven, a lead of 100, and Northern Districts were 84 for two in their second universe. for two in their second innings at the close of the second day's play in the three-day match.

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Greenidge was dropped twice and survived a run-out attempt by inches before resching his 28th century in first-class cricket. He finally fell to the seam bowler, Karl Treiber. Lswrence Rowe, scoring 74; assisted Greenidge in a second-wicket partiership worth 156, but King produced the most exciting batting for the day. Arriving at the wicker with the score 289 for four, he pulled, drove and generally assulted the bowling with some tremendous hits. King and Deryck Murray put on 88 for the seventh wicket, of which Murray's share was only 19, with which he remained unheaten.

The West Indian bowler, Andy with which he remained universe.

The West Indian bowler, Andy Roberts, sprained a muscle while fielding in the match and may not be fit for the first Test against New Zealand, beginning on Friday in Dunedin. The West Indian manager, Willie Rodriguez, said today that Roberts, would be left out of the one-day international against New Zealand, at Christohurch on Wednesday in the hope that physiotherapy would get him fit by Friday.

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G. Rowe, c Parker, 5 Treiber
I. Kallicharran, 5 Treiber
G. Gomes, c Dickeson, 5
Gillespie
L. King, c Dickeson, b Scott.
D. L. Militay, not out
Extras

Total (6 wkts declared) . 377
A. Roberts, D. R. Parsy, M. Janshall and C. Croft did not bet.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-227,
-236, 4-263, 5-289; 6-377, 2
Treiber 19-2-81, 3, Dickets
RowLing: Gillespie 25-8-70, 2
Treiber 50-0, Scott 17, 1-79-1,
Roberts 25-30, Fowler 12-4,
Roberts Howards 5-11-6,

Robinson breaks rules and is heavily fined

Mike Robinson, signed by Manchester City for £750,000 from Preston North End early this scason, has been heavily fixed by the club following his comments in a Sunday newspaper. Robinson talmed he had been forced to play when he was far from fit, that his game had suffered and that he had no intention of playing again if he was not coming again if he was not com-pletely free from injury. Another of his comments was:

At one point it seemed City would have picked me even if I had been on crutches and once I had so many vitamin injections I finished up with an arm like a

The City general manager, Tony Book, called Robinson to his office and said afterwards: "As far as we are concerned the claims were exaggerated and disclaims were exaggerated and distorted. In no way are we prepared to stand for it. Players are
told at the beginning of each
season that any articles credited
no their name must be on the
manager's desk. Robinson has
defled a club rule. For his part
he tried to get the article stopped,
but he failed. Unfortunately he
must now suffer the consenow suffer the conse-

quences."
, Malcohn Allison, City's coach, had intended to leave Robinson out of last Saturday's game with West Bromwich Albion but changed his mind. Mr. Allison said: "It is true that I have played Mike Robinson in a couple of games when he wasn't fully fit. Footballers are like men in all walks of life—sometimes they bave to carry on working when they are not 100 per cent." Second postponement: Brigh-ton's first division match with Aston Villa last night was post-poned because the Goldstone ground was waterlogged. The game was originally postponed on October 9.

Fulham seek reason for **Burnley boardroom tiff**

Fulham will be writing to fellow second division relegation candidates. Burnley to demand the reasons why their chairman, Ernle are football fans—should are in clay, was ejected from the Lancashire club's boardroom at Lancashire club's boardroom at Mr Wallace said the incident had half-time on Saturday. Mr Clay was ordered out by the Burnley chairman, Bob Lord, after an ex-change of words and his fellow Fulham directors also walked out

Mr Clay said at Heathrow yesterday, while en route to Portugal to supervise the reopening of an hotel for the holiday season: "We will be writing to Burnley to find out if it was a board decision or just the decision of a dictator to order me out."

order me out."

Mr Clay refused to comment on what had been said before Mr Lord a League vice-president and FA councillor, ordered him out.

"What happens in a boardroom between fellow directors is strictly private as far as I'm concerned. The only thing I'm prepared to say is that I think I've exposed Bob Lord's achilles heel."

After the match, which Burnley won 2—1, the Fulham manager, Bobby Campbell, and his team went straight to their coach. went straight to their coach.

Mr Clay, a Yorkshireman and Mr Lord, a Lancastrian, have been bitter rivals for 20 years following Mr Clay's support against the Footbail League, for the abolition of the maximum wage for foot-ballers. Mr Lord also sat on the League commission last March that fined Fulham £15,000 for alleged irregularities. Fulham later issued a writ and were repaid the fine and costs, but the case is due to be re-heard next

Leicester's manager, Jock Wallace, has attacked the hooligans who pelted the Newcastle goalkeeper, Steve Hardwick, with coins and pebbles at Filbert Street on Saturday. He said yesterday: "We don't want them in the

Lorenzo Zanon, from Italy, in the

ix was a useful workout for the undefeated Holmes—but no

The 30-year-old world champion

was never seriously threatened by Europe's former champion—the first Italian to box for the world title since Primo Cardera knocked out Jack Sharkey to become world champion in 1933.

After a cautious start by both

men. Holmes started to open up in the second round, throwing long right handers which fortun-ately for Zaton were not accurate. The challenger replied with jabs in the third round but his punches

in the third round but his punches lacked weight.

From the start of round four it was all Holmes. The champion indexhed a big right band which jerked Zanou's head back and sent the 28-year-old Italian down for a count of eight. Before the end of the round Zanou faced two more counts.

Having hauled himself back

Having hauled immself back onto his feet after the first blow Zamon crashed down again seconds later when Holmes crossed with a

later when houses crosses win a massive left. Again the Italian beat the count but he was defenceless against the champion's punches and before the end of the round the referee had to intervene and administer a standing

Zanon somehow recovered his

with a series of combination punches which dropped Zanon

like a stone. This time the referee did not bother to start a count. Instead he raised Holmes's glove.

It was the Italian's fifth defeat

in a record of 25 wins and

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more than that.

animals and I am appalled that these people—I don't believe they are football fans—should act in such a disgusting, mindless way". Mr Wallace said the incident had marred what should have been a perfect weekend for Leicester, beating Newcastle to go top of the second division in front of their biggest crowd of the season. "We have tried to create a fervent but friendly atmosphere with our family enclosures and that is not going to be ruined by the

not going to be ruined by the idiot few." Police in Leicester say 11 people were arrested and will be appearing in court over the next fortnight to face varying charges, but mainly offences of disorderly behaviour.

disorderly behaviour.

Graeme Sounces faces an FA disciplinary commission in London on Friday and it could mean Liverpool making their first change for 18 games. Souncess could be banned for up to three matches after totalling 20 disciplinary points. The matches he stands to miss are Saturday's trip to Norwich, the League Cup semi-final, second leg, against Nottingham Forest on February 12 and the fifth round FA Cup tie at the fifth round FA Cup tie at home to Bury four days later. The Everton striker Brian Kidd is also expected to make a personal appearance on Friday on the totting-up charge. He too could be ruled out of Everton's Cup tie at home to Wrexham.

The Crystal Palsce striker lan The Crystal Palece striker Ian Walsh faces a charge of bringing the game into disrepute on Wednesday. The Welsh inter-

national was shown the red card by the Bristol referee Eric Read for alleged "foul and abusive language" in the tunnel after his side's fourth round second replay defeat by Swansea at Cardiff. Walsh has never been suspended hefore and hopes his previous good record will help him escape a ban.

Brighton agree terms for McNab

Brighton and Hove Albion yesterday agreed to pay Bolton Wanderers £200,000 for the midfield player. Neil McNab, who will decide whether to move today. Brighton's manager, Alan Mullery, said that he had been forced to enter the transfer market because of recent injuries to Peter Sayer and Gerry Ryan, which had reduced his current first team pool to 12. McNab joined Bolton from Tottenham Hotspur for £250,000 in October, 1978.

Alan Dicks yesterday defended

Alan Dicks vesterday defended Bristol City's decision not to re-sign Gary Collier, a defender rated at £350,000, from Coventry City after spending part of last week negotiating with the player. "We have had to say 'no' because of the amount of money involved", Mr Dicks said. "Coventry were prepared to spread the payments but even then we couldn't go ahead because of the financial commitments of the

Bristol's sudden loss of interest

surprised Coventry's matager, Gordon Milne. "This is no way to do business", he said. "I am amazed at the development and feel sorry for the player." Mr Dicks countered: "I am surprised at what Gordon has said. We did not set out to upset Coventry or the player in any shape or form, but we have got to keep within our cash limits." Collier, aged 24, was the first player to exercise his rights last player to exercise ms rights last summer under the freedom of contract charter. An independent tribunal set his fee at £350.000 after the clubs could not agree, but he has since made only two appearances, in Coventry's first team.

slip her

yesterday. Miss Austin broke Miss Wade's service in the first and fifth games of the first set.

I think Tracy ha lot better in the last 15 months." Miss Wade said after the match. "She really moves the ball around more and changes angles." more and changes angles."

Miss Austin pocketed \$30,000 for her week's efforts and Miss Wade took home \$15,000 as runner-up.

In Richmond, Virginia, the top seed, John McEuroe, beat a fellow American, Roscoe Tanner, the No 2 seed, 6—1, 6—2 in only 55 minutes to win a \$175,000 tournament. Tanner's usually powerful service game was not working well service game was not working well. service game was not working well and he served only three aces. The victory was worth \$30,200 to McErroe. Tanber received \$15,100.

Ten masters of magic weave an elegant spell Terry Griffiths, Dennis Taylor, Cliff Thorburn. Charlton, Fred Davis and John Virgo, the new United Kingdom professional champion, complete the list. By Sydney Friskin

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The magic from the tip of a cue should fascinate the many followers of snooker when the Masters tournament, sponsored by Benson and Hedges, starts today at the Wembley Conference Centre. Ten of the world's leading professionals have been brought together for the sixth event of the series, the final of which will be played on Saturday over 17 frames. Both Virgo and Griffiths are making their first appearance in the Masters. Today, Virgo meets Thorburn, the Canadian champion, in the first round and if Virgo wins. Griffiths, who lost to him in the United Kingdom final, will have a chance of taking revenge in the quarter final round. which will be blayed on Saturday over 17 frames.
Snooker, believed to have originated in India in 1875, is no longer the poor relation of the older game of billiards which found favour with the French and English nobility of the 15th century In more years it has tury. In more recent years it has been popularized by television. The 10 contestants will be been popularized by relevision.

The 10 contestants will be involved in battles of skill and attrition. They will be playing for a record total of £14,000 in prize money from which the winner will pocket £4.500. Four of the 10 compeniors are previous winners: John Spencer (1975), Ray Reardon (1976), Alex Higgins (1978) and the defending

Today's fixtures

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WELSH CUP: Fourth round replay:
Bangor City v Chester.

in the quarter-final round.

Later today, Reardon meets
Taylor in a quarter-final match.
Reardon, who has reached three
finals and has never been beaten
before the semi-final stage, is the
favourite. But unlike the old days
when the late Joe Davis ruled
supreme for 20 years, any of the
10 players can win. On his day
"Hurricane" Higgins can surprise the best of these gentlemen
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Motor racing

Record distance for winning German team

Daytons Beach, Florida, Fee 4

—A trio of West German drient won the Daytons 24-hour in durance race here yesterday by the huge margin of 33 laps. Rof Stommelen, Reinhold Joest and Volkert Meri, driving a turbo charged Porsche 935, average 114.303 miles per hour as the fravelled a record 2,745.6 miles in the 24 hours. An American trio, John Par Preston Henn and Al Holbert we second and Ted Field, Danie Ongais and Milt Minter, also of the United States, were thin Both teams wer edriving Posts 935s. The winning team took the lear

shortly after the eighth hour grabe race and never relinquisited.

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Boxing

Magri puts his No 1 challenger status at risk

Charlie Magri risks his world No 1. challenger status when he meets Alberto Morales, of Mexico, in a 12 round world fly-weight championship climinator at Wembley Arena on March 4. Ali the risk is Magri's. He has every-thing to lose and nothing to gain for Morales, ranked mining an world, will take over his place if

situation. "When you are where I am", he said today. "every fight is an eliminator whether they call it that or not. Everyone is a danger and if you lose, down you go. Putting a label on a fight does not mean anything to me. The only label that matters is world championship."

Magri is realistic about the

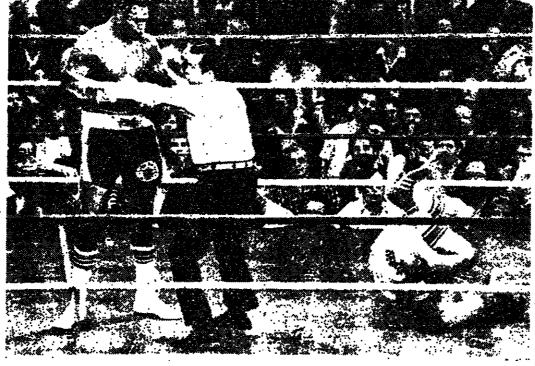
This will be Magri's third con-test on successive shows in less than three months. He topped the than three months. He topped the bill at Wembley in December and the Albert Hall in January and the promoter Micky Duff rates him as the biggest attraction in the country. The two best in recent years, Mr Duff said, were loo Bugner and Billy Walker, both albert write. Marrillo size Both loc Bugner and Billy Walker, both almost twice Magri's size. Both filled out Wembley (10,600 seats) more than ouce. Magri has not yet reached that milestone "but if we get him there in a world title fight, and that is the aim before the end of the year, Wembley will be sold out with two weeks to be sold out with two weeks to spare", Mr Duff said.

"Tony Sibson, of Loicester, who won and lost the British middleveight title last year, gets another championship chance. He fights for the vacant Commonwealth middleweight title against Chis-anda Mutti, of Zambia, over 12 rounds. Lotte Mwale, the Comlight-beavyweight the United States, the man who put John Conteh on the floor twice in London last year and only not a draw for it.

Champion retires

Munich, Feb 4.—The West German world bobsleigh champion, Stefan Gaisreiter, badly injured on the track nine days ago, has lost his fight for fitness for this month's winter Olympics and re-

Holmes gives Italian some credit after a gentle hiding Las Vegas, Nevada, Feb 4.— Larry Holmes staged another impressive defauce of his World Boxing Cooncil heavyweight title here last night when he stopped



Zanon feels the explosive power of a right hand from Holmes in the eighth round.

Zanon somehow recovered his polse by the start of the fifth round and astonished everybody by coming out of his corner throwing jabs and hooks which stopped Holmes in his tracks. The counter-attack was short-lived, however. In the sixth round Holmes immediately landed with a punishing right and followed up with a series of combination champion, John Tate, also of the nited States.
"I feel that I have done my job once again", Holmes said.
"I don't bave to fight to prove
to you that I'm the heavyweight
champion of the world. John Tate tampion of the world. John Tate
is just another opponent to me.
He just has a piece of the championship that I deserve."
Holmes said he had problems
with Zanon's style but felt it was
"only a matter of time before
I caught up with him". He added: cannot deny 'the' man some "I cannot deny the man some credit . , he gave me all I wanted. I didn't want any more."

On the same bill, the unbeaten Wilfredo Gomes, of Puerto Rico, became the first champion in boxing history to score II consecutive victories inside the distance when he stopped super bantamweight Ruben Vadlez, of Colombia, after five rounds of their WEC cham. of a record of 23 wins and two draws and he picked up a £55,000 purse. Zanon was knocked out in the same arena twice before—by Americans Jerry Quarry and Ked Holmes, unbeaten in 33 contests, climbed out of the ring unmarked, reportedly more than half-amilian dollars richer and a step closer to a showdown with the World Boxing Association five rounds of their WBC cham-pionship.

Gomez was in control through-

out the contest, which never looked likely to go the distance. The Puerto Rican has beaten 28 opponents since turning profes-sional—and all but one of them sional—and all but one of the has failed to hear the final bell. Valdez said that he decided not to come out for the seventh round because he "felt very bad in-

Comez said that this would prob-

ably be one of his last bouts in that division. Gomez said he hopes to move into the featherweight division with an eventual match against Salvatore Samchez, who knocked out Danny Lopez in Phoenix on Saturday to become the new WBC champion. Gomez said he was "very disappointed" about Lopez's defeat.
"I was very sorry because I could have fought a great light with Danny Lopez", he said He said he had had an enormous amount of trouble trying to meet

the 122-pound super bantamweight limit. "I would like to have both titles", he said. "I want to go from champion to champion with-out relinquishing my title." Tommy Hearns, the outstanding

American welterweight, stretched his unbeaten record to 25 when he knocked out Jim Richards, of the Dutch West Indies in the third round. Hearns, ranked No 2 by the WBC, floored his opponent with a sharp left hook. Richards, No 4 in the standings, had a record of four defeats against 32 wins and one draw.

In Houston an American heavy-weight, Tony Tubbs, inflicted a first career defeat on Marvis Frazier, the 19-year-old son of the former world champion, Joe Frazier, Frazier, who was defeated on points, had outpointed Tubbs when the two first met last when the two first September. — Agence Presse and AP.

Ali the diplomat dancing and throwing an assortment of verbal punches Black blarney at the White House

Los Angeles, Feb 4

If Baryshnikov's arches fell: if
Lester Piggott developed on allergy
to horses: if Jacka Heifetz lost
the strength to lift his fiddle, what
would they do with their lives?
This was precisely the predicament This was precisely the predicament of one Muhammad Ali, formerly Cassius Marcellus Clay, formerly three time heavyweight champion of the world. The world is not of the world. The world is not ordinarily loaded with prospects for an almost 38-year-old former heavyweight puncher, who does not want to fight anymore.

But this week the loquacious Ali finds himself in the international spotlight again holding down a rather unique role: Ali has embarked on a special 10-day mission for President Carter, to build African support for the United States led opposition to the Moscow Olympics.

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Travelling on a presidential let placed at his disposal, the will visit Tanzania. Kenya, Nigeria, and Senegal Ironically he'll miss Zaire—scene of one of his greatest triumphs, the glorious 1974 victory over the then champion, Foreman—because that country has already agreed to boycott the Games. And it's the kind of role All relishes, for it puts him back on the front for it puts him back on the front page again—a spot he's missed since he retired in 1978. All, the diplomat will dance and throw an assortment of verbal punches, while a team of State Department aides do his legwork.

The recruitment of Ali by President Carter is a shrewd move. For

the former champion is perhaps the most recognisable man in the world and his opinions carry a great deal of weight in the third world nations, where most United States diplomats are ineffective.
All supports the boycott. A decand supplies the boycott. A dec-ade ago lie was a conscientions objector losing the title for that stance. Before leaving on his mis-sion he said; "There can't be any Games while the Russians are killing muslims. I wouldn't fight in Vietnam, but if President Carter declared war on Russia I'll take a gun and go fight them."

Shortly before Ali left I spent a day with him at his recently acquired Los Angeles mansion, a huge, 30 room house behind guarded gates in one of the city's more fashionable neighbourhoods. It is a palatial place although since he moved in he has spent little time there preferring to travel, either on personal appearances, or in efforts to found an organization called World, (World Organization for Rights, Liberty organization for Rights, Liberty and Dignity.) He realises that un-like old soldlers, boxers often die like old soldiers, boxers often die and often young—witness Rocky Marciano. Sonny Liston and Eddle Machen. Those who reach old age periodically pop up broke, bankrupt, insane, sickly or even criminal. Or they are forced to take semi-demeaning jobs such as hotel and casino greeters.

All prides himself on not be-Ali prides himself on not be coming a charity case or fritter-ing away his earnings, reckoned to be in the region of \$60 million, although he likes to spend.

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At home he answers the phone himself, deals with an assortment of callers, including the pool cleaner, and discusses his future outside the ring. "I have been talking to the White House for weeks about me going to Iran to get those hostages out "Ali said." I want those guys home. I wanted to tell the Ayatollah that we're not as bad as he says we are. But they asked me to stay away and be cool and play it their way. The President knows I can go to places Americans are not way. The President knows I can go to places Americans are not welcome. I went to Russia and Brezhnev met me at the airport with 20,000 people. And Khadaffi's my brother. In the Middle East they're all my brothers. I could take you to Libya and as soon as the plane lands we'd go right to the palace.

"But right now I'm not sure what I want to do with my life. I don't know what the purpose of it all is. But I know there's something waiting for me. I haven't heard no voice, mind you, a lot of preachers say God called them. Well, I haven't heard it. But I want't o figure out some-

thing that's never been done if the world of religion just like I'v' done something that's never beer done before in the world of hos

avoided that dreaded affiction of former champions, the comeback although the temptations are them. although the fempiations are there
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and my timing's off. I'm through
with boxing."

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Since leaving the ring All ha kept busy earning almost as much outside the fight business as much has inside. He recently stated in a film Freedom Road, based on Howard Pass's best selling normal about the end of slavery in the nineteensh century. The critic gave him a bearing, but he innot put out and plans other film projects including a musical Hearns big fees as a lecturer is universities around the world am he demands and gets half a millior dollars and more for doing commercials for products as diverting the state of the stat mercials for products as divers as insect killers, life insurance. Bird's Eye frozen foods, Japanes cars, sportswear, su saunas and car batteries. . sungl

But for him they are merely ways to pay the rent and ked busy until something more important comes along. He is looking for a way to remain aumber on as a world celebrity and notes: "You don't see other celebrith." going out on the street like me God has made me the biggest can tell the next man running for President in this country. I'm well-five million votes. I'm power a Of course, there is still more the and blarvey in that, but Jimma Carter knows well that in the election year he will need all the votes be can get and an alliand with Ali can't hurt.

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Sign Rugby Union

England happy but not complacent Burns grasps prize

Rugby Correspondent

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The chairman of England's rugby selectors, D. P. "Budge "Rogers, was able yesterday to indulge an unfamiliar pleasure by announcing an unchanged team, as well as reserves for the next international match, against Wales at Twickenham, on Saturday week. Meanwhile, the president of the French Federation, Albert Ferrasse, was publicly beraung his panel of selectors, not just for being far too hasty in their choice of a side to play Scotland at Murrayfield on the same day but for getting it all wrong as well. Moreover he hinted darkly that modifications might be made after another round of club championship matches next Sunday.

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"It is obvious", M Ferrasse said, "that after the French defeat in Cardiff our selectors took too long to name the toam to play England. This time they have been too quick, and I was astomished when I saw what changes had been made. The half backs chosen against Scotland (Adrien Mournet and Michael Pedeutour) would have done no better than Gallion and Caussade last Saturday, when the French

the English.

"It is time to reconsider the French forwards who have been given a lesson by the English both in the Scrummage and the line-out. Although we had little ball, we still had England worried. So I think the problem now is to find players who can strengthen the French pack."

Back now to an England team in which Tony Neary, who is playing as well as he has ever done, is due to win his 42nd cap, so equalling John Pullin's national record. Three of its members are still licking their wounds after the game in Paris—Bill Beanmont with a calf injury, Philip Blakeway with a knock in the ribs and Roger Urtley with stitches in his temple—but the first two are confident of being fir for Lancashire and Gloucestershire, respectively, in the county championship final on Saturday. the county championship timal on Saturday.

In his appraisal of the French contest, Mr Rogers said he was especially pleased by England's reaction when they were 7—3 down. He liked the way they set themselves to recover, and the courtol they then demonstrated. "Until France came back at us late in the game I've never seen an international pack so dominant

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lighted with the support play and by what he called the terrific teamwork. "The lads have developed an enormous sense of identity and a total unselfishness. They're buoyant but there's no complacency or over-confidence. They're critical of themselves even in victory, and they'll be mentally right against Walles."

The chairman conceded that there remained plenty of aspects in the English pley to be improved: "There was a bit of the direction as less of concentration, and we've got to keep it going for 80 minutes. We've still got the problem of turning good possession into more points and, good though the England pack is, it can't be expected to repeat the dose against Wales.

"Wales are a complete side, balanced throughout—a better allround combination than we've met so far. But we're not worried. I don't think there'll be an English inferiority complex.

The RFU says there is not a ticket left for an international that now looks to hold the key to the outcome of the champion-ship, and they are anxious that the position is widely known in Wales, so that thousands of sup-

encouraged to travel.

The capacity at Twickenham, limited by law, is 65,000. The numbers were reduced six years ago, after more than 70,000 spectators crammed the ground for another Weish international. On this occasion, 9,000 tickets (including terrace) have been allocated to the Welsh union. Five years ago, for a Welsh match at Murraylield, there was a crowd of over 100,000, thousands of whom never even saw the game after storming the barricades. The RFU are confident that their arrangements for policing and stewarding have been greatly im-proved. With one policeman for every 1,000 spectators on Saturday week, the RFU will pick up a bill for £4,000, but will consider the REPLACEMENTS: P W D
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Quietly-spoken man who occupies South African rugby's hot seat

Lochner finds that time is running out

From Richard Streeton

To be chairman of the South African rugby selectors at the present time must vic with the Olympic organizer's role in Moscow as the least enviable position in sport. South Africans are not only desperately anxious to mark their return to international rugby against the British Lions later this year with a convincing success. against the British Laons later this year with a convincing success, but there are the crushing reversals inflicted by W. J. McBride's 1974 team to avenge. The man with the final responsibility for picking the Springbok sides will be Colonel G. P. "Butch" Inchar.

He is a shy, quietly spoken for-mer wine producer and poultry larmer from the Cape, who carries the burden of a nation's hopes with remarkable calm. "As a selector you will never satisfy everybody even if your teams win so there is no point in worrying about it either way", is a sum-mary of his philosophy. His army rank is slightly misleading as it was only two years ago that he was only two years ago that he was persuaded in join the service to organize coaching and facilities for army sport.

Between 1955 and 1958 Lochner Between 1955 and 1958 Lochner was as devastating and efficient flank forward as ever donned the green and gold Springbok jersey. The British Lions, France, Australia and the all Blacks all have cause to remember his fast and free roaming game. "When Burch' tackles you, you stay tackled", was how one Wallaby described his play.

Off the field he has always remained a surprisingly gentle, nonmained a surprisingly gentle, noncompetitive person, happily
mained with four children. It
epitomizes his character that he
does not like individual games like
golf or temmis: "They make you
selfish—it is team sports that build
your character and that is what
sport should be about?" He playe sport should be about." He plays squash to keep fit, but does not mind if he wins or loses. He enjoys gardening and fishing and no-I kill for that night's cooking pot but see no point in firing at lions or elephants. It is too easy these days. You have this great big gun and the animals allow you to get close. What is the point of it, all except to boost the ego?"

Although he has never played the game, Colonel Lochner's most surprising relaxation is watching cricket, either live or on television "It is a marvellous game, all that restful atmosphere, yet every ball a different challenge. I always look twice at a rugby player I know to be a cricketer. It means he will have good ball sense."

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Huntingdon on Thursday and take on Silver Buck, the third favourite for the Chelrenham Gold Cup, in the Compton Steeplechase at Newbury on Saturday instead. The conditions of the race stipulate that Border Incident must give 3 lb to Silver Buck and if he proves equal to that severe test he could well be vying for Gold Cup favouritism with Diamond Edge.

It has been one of the disap-pointments of the past few seasons that a horse as outstand-

Leicester programme

Racing

By John Karter



Holmes: a big man, right for the modern game.

A trouble-free Border Incident can pass Newbury test

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Our interview began in his Pretoria home and it was at his suggestion that after lunch we drove 35 miles to continue our talk at the Wanderers ground in Johannesburg in time to see Clive Rice hit a century in the Currie Cup.

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gone now for the Lions. Now once again we must learn from your players, the thinking of your selectors, their coaches and your

selectors, their coaches and your approach."

There had been an agreement between Colonel Lochner and myself that we would not discuss politics but I did ask him if his selection committee had a free hand to choose on strict merit or would there be the temptation to include non-white players for what has become known as "willto include non-white players for what has become known as "window dressing". He said he was sympathetic to non-white players who were now developing rapidly but merit would always apply. "I can tell you that the two selectors who have joined our five-strong committee, Alfred Dwest representing the blacks and Dougle Dwers. ing the blacks and Dougle Dyers the coloureds, who coached the coloureds, who coached the Barbarians in your country last year, would be the first to be against any preferential thinking.

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"They showed that by disagreeing when the French said we had to include three non-whites in the tour to France that did not come off last year. They were even more disapproving when we asked for the tour to become a longer one with the party increased from 25 to 27, and the French said 'Yes', but five non-whites, had to be included." (This rour was cancelled when the French government declined to issue visas but the French federation's stipulations have not been widely reported in Europe.)

Colonel Lochner should not be

Colonel Lochner should not be confused with his cousin with the same initials, G. P. "Flappie" Lochner, a former Springbok centre, who was chairman of selectors 20 years ago. "Butch" Lochner's committee will choose the Lions opposition for three other games outside the internationals—the matches against the South African XV, the junior Springboks and the South-West Country team, and they will have a say in the South African barbarians XV.

An unconfirmed rumout still has Colonel Lochner should not be An unconfirmed rumour still has it that the Argentine Pumas will make a tour and play two inter-

were South Africa's chances after four years away from international competition? "I believe we have the depth and we have the depth and we have the talent, but we do not have the experience. Our Curric Cup game has its own dour pattern which does not always fit in with how we should play. The possession wasted is dreadful. Our half backs kick far too much. They deprive the centres and wings of confidence to run."

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He also announced the latest recruit to the professional ranks, the journalist Lewine Mair who writes for The Times, a former England girl international now living in Scotland

with great promise in his first race, when finishing sixth to Running Wild at Newcastle last

month, Jenny Pitman, who had a double

at Leicester yesterday, could well add to that today by taking the Charnwood Handicap Hurdle with her consistent five-year-old Multi-ply. Successful in a novice event

ran with great credit on his first venture in handicap company when he finished second to Cambooya

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Devon in December. Multiply

dropped by Nicklaus

From Peter Ryde

Pebble Beach, California, Feb 4

George Burns III picked up the
tournament that Jack Nicklaus let
go here yesterday. That may
sound a harsh summary, but it is
no exaggeration of the feeling on
the last day of the Crosby pro-am
tournament. If Nicklaus had
simply finished in a tie for 11th
at four under par, that could be
regarded as an encouraging start
to the season. The operative word
is "simply". The compilation of
his final 73 was anything but
simple. In the space of two holes
the changed from excellent confident golf to a level at which he
lost six strokes in the next eight
holes. Pebble can do this to
people, but not normally to one holes. Pebble can do this to people, but not normally to one in such good form.

Nicklaus has sometimes shown a tendency, notably in the Masters, to loosen his grip on a tournament, just when he might be expected to tighten it, but never on a scale such as this. It is not possible, on the strength of one tournament, to determine whether the age of 40 will prove to be a watershed in his career—five months is a long gime away from competition. There will not be such a long gap, again, until this such a long gap, again, until this year's four major championships are passed. His belief that he can produce his best in these events by competing in a dozen tournaments a year is still open to doubt. Had he won at Pebble Beach, as he looked certain to do at one point, he would have proved his argument beyond That final round must have been

one of the bitterest he has played for a long time. At least when he scored his 82 over the same course in 1977, he did not bave victory in his grasp as he did yesterday. Coming on top of his 66 over the same course in the third round, same course-in the third round, his start yesterday was electrifying. He just missed an eagle at the second, birdied the next two, and knocked in a 50 foot purt for an eagle at the sixth. At that point, he moved two ahead of the field on 10 under par.

In the next three holes he dropped four strokes, and it came as a thunderbolt to everyone as a thouseroon to everyone except those too entranced by the view to give it their attention. His tee shot to the 107-yard seventh was on the green, but outside that of his 17-handicap partner, leaving

Women players

1979.
The warning came from Barry The warning came from party Edwards, the executive director of the Women's Professional Golfers Association, who said that some of the 50 players who were members

Coogan hits out at fine

terday, when the Newmarket lance, was fined £200 by the jockey "Scobie" Coogan was in Jockey Club yesterday over the

the steward's room after the

second division of the Somerby

Novices' Hurdle at Leicester yes-

trouble after finishing third on

the 7-4 favourite, Prince Helen,

Coogan was considered by the

Coogan was considered by the stewards to have used his whip "excessively" and improperly" and was fined 540. He was also severely cautioned for his attitude to the stewards at the inquiry. Mick Ryan, who trains Prince Helen, had his attention drawn to his "responsibilities" in issuing instructions to his jockey.

Leicester results

behind Letitgo (5-2).

lift standards

urged to

|First tournament of the year for Mrs Carner

Britain's women professional gollers yesterday received a £5,000 incentive bonus and a warning that some of them would have to improve. The extra money was announced by Carisberg in Northampton, who are to give big prizes to the overall winner of the 10 tournaments that they will sponsor during the coming season. The player who tops the order of merit will receive £2.500 with £1,500 to the runner-up and £1,000 for the player will blace. take the first event of the LPGA' for the player in third place.

This is in addition to the £30,000 that Carlsberg are injecting as normal prize money, contributing to a total for the British tour of £150,000, almost double that in

the lead with her, bad a 77 despite making birdles on the first and third holes.

Law Report February 4 1980 Queen's Bench Division

Microfilm admissible

evidence as 'banker's book'

Refore Lord Justice Bridge and Mr Justice Caulfield Mr Justice Caulfield

[Judgments delivered February 1]
The Divisional Court held that
microfilms used by banks to keep
records are included in the definition of "bankers books" for the
purposes of Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1879.
Their Lordshops dismissed an
appeal by Alan William Barker,
of Nuntiorpe Avenue, Scarcroff
Road, York, by case stated,
against a decision of North Yorksaire justices, sitting in York,
granting an application by Mr
Michael Wilson, a derective
officer, that he be at liberty to
inspect and take copies of certain
entries in the books of Barclays
Bank Ltd. at its branch in Parliament Street, York, relating to Mr
Barker's account there.

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Section 4 of the Bankers' Books Evidence Act provides: "A copy of an entry in a banker's book shall not be received in evidence under this Act unless it be first proved that the book was at the time of the making of the entry one of the ordinary books of the bank, and that the entry was made in the usual and ordinary course of business, ...," was made in the usual and ordin-ary course of business, ..., "

Section 9 provides: "Expres-sions in this Act relating to bankers' books include ledgers, day books, cash books, account books, and all other books used

in the ordinary business of the bank."
Mr J. W. Bullimore for Mr

a mound between himself and the hole which made it almost impossible for him to lay the ball close. He faited to do so, and missed from eight feet.

The eighth, a dog-leg across an inlet in the bay, can leave an awkward shot to a marrow green with the cliff edge just beyond if the green is missed on the left. Nicklaus did just that and finished in a bad lie in long grass from where he took four to get down. He also took three putns on the ninth and 12th, his confidence so much adrift that he hit his second putt to the 12th more quickly than he ever used to do.

Last year Nicklaus played in 12 tour events. Burns played in 35, plcking up small prizes in many tournaments. But, like Nicklaus, he is a player with a soul who cannot give his best in events where it takes 22 under par to win. He is a big man, and he needs a big course where all is not dependent on putting.

Burns, in his four years as a professional, has won in Europe, notably the Scandinavian Open, hour in the past he has let enough chances slip to have earned the label of a quitter. At one time, it was fashionable to the same label to Watson. Burns had his luck yesterday. He lipped the hole with his bunker shot at the third, and came out close on another occasion so that he confidently faced the bunker shot at the third, and came out close on another occasion so that he confidently faced the bunker shot at the sixth which he holed. Shortly after, Nicklaus vacated the throne and half a dozen players in close pursuit were, for a time, unwilling to make their bid.

Then came Burn's 60 foot putt out of the skradows at the 16th Family Division

Deerfield Beach, Florida, Feb 3.

—JoAnne Carner beat a record field of 123 professionals today to thirtieth anniversary season, a \$100,000 championship in Deer Creek, with a 10-under par total of 282. Mrs Carner's birdle three on the 71st hole made the difference as the runner-up, Sandra Post, had bogeved the same hole just moments before. Miss Post finished on 284.

Minished on 284. Mrs Carner, aged 40, had an even-par 73 in today's final round, while Beth Daniel, who had shared

third holes.

Mrs Carner, who missed much of the second half of last season after injuring a wrist in a motorcycle accident, said: "I worked very hard over the winter strengthening the wrist so I could play. I was very confident. I'm incredibly happy I won the first increasity nappy I won the first tournament of the year." She col-lected the first prize of \$15,000. Michelle Walker, Jennie Lee Smith and Anne-Marie Palli failed

Jockey fined: Richard Linley.

who announced last week that he

was splitting with Toby Balding.

the Weyhill trainer, to turn free-lance, was fined £200 by the

Bitter Ender, trained by Toby Balding's brother Ian, finished well to be fourth, 12 lengths behind Tumbler in the Metropolitan Novices Hurdle at Sandown on January 4. The stewards found Linley in breach of the rule that torkers must rule all reasonable

jockeys must take all reasonable measures to ensure that a horse is given a full opportunity to win or obtain the best place. They found Ian Balding was not in breach of the rules

riding of Bitter Ender.

Barker; Mr Peter Collier for the Barker; Mr Peter Collier for the police officer.

MR JUSTICE CAULFIELD said that Mr Barker had been charged with offences of theft against his employers, York Wholesale Fruit Co, the allegation being that he had stolen sums of money over a period of 13 years. His bank statements showed sums noid our of period of 13 years. His bank statements showed sums paid out of the account and the police, in their inquiries, needed to know the names of the payees.

On the application, the point was taken that microfilms were not included in the definition in section 9. The justices took the view that the definition did include a microfilm since it was a modern process of keeping records. Accordingly, they granted the application.

In his Lordship's view, the definition included a microfilm if the microfilm was used by the bank to record the name of a payee, or to make some other entry in respect of an account, albeit that

or to make some other entry in respect of an account, albeit that it was not normally called a book. The justices' decision was therefore justified.

LORD JUSTICE ERIDGE, agreeing, said that the gracular of bankers in 1879 in mind. It was to be construed in 1830 in relation to presented reaches. fion to present-day practice, Entry in bankers' books included any in canters mooks included any form of permanent record kept by the bank by meens made available by modern technology.

The appeal was dismissed with

Solicitors: Harrowells, York; Ashworth, Tetlow & Co. York.

No need of wife's consent for dismissal of claim

Before Mr Justice Balcombe [Judgment delivered January 31] The court has jurisdiction to dismiss a wife's claim for periodical mss a wife's claim for periodical payments from a former husband without her consent, Mr Justice Balcombe held after considering two conflicting decisions of the Court of Appeal.

Mr Stephen Hockman for the wife; Mr Jan Peddle for the husband.

usband. HIS LORDSHIP said that the HIS LORDSHIP said that the parties, both now 55, had married in 1947. The husband had left in 1978 to live with another woman in her bungalow. There had been a divarce. Both husband and wife were lecturers; he earned 58,800 gross a year with pension rights; she £5,000 gross, also with pension rights.

she £5,000 gross, also with pension rights.

The equity value of the former matrimonial home in which the wife remained was £32,000. In the financial provision proceedings Mr Registrar Caird ordered that the house be sold together with the related insurance policy; and that, the proceeds of sale be equally divided but that £6,000 be deducted from the husband's share and added to the wife's share. The registrar made a periodical and added to the wife's share. The registrar made a periodical payments order of one penny a year as he considered that he had no jurisdiction to dismiss her claim without her consent, which was not forthcoming. The wife

His Lordship found the decisions of the Court of Appeal conflicting. In Carter v Carter (The Times, December 19, 1979) and in Carpenter v Carpenter (11976) 6 Family Law 110) Lord Justice Orunod stated that a wife's right to periodical payments could not be taken away without her con-

In Dunford v Dunford ([1930] 1 WLR 51, however, the Master of the Rolls applied the principle of the clean break and arruck out a nominal order of 5p a year made by the judge in the divorce courty court. It appeared that the order of the Court of Appeal was not made with the consent of the wife.

Guidance on the conflict could

Guidance on the conflict could be obtained from the judgment of Lord Scarman in the House of Lords in Minton v Minton (11979) AC 593, 602) where he analysed section 23 of the Matrimon'd Causes Act, 1973. The House held that there was no jurisdiction to make a subsequent periodical payments order when the court had dismissed with consert an earlier application. The effect was a clery break from the marriage in accordance with public policy.

It followed from Minton that a court had jurisdiction to dismire a briefly claim for protocolists.

a wife's claim for periodical nav-mants whether she conserved or not if the court thought is right to do so. The authority of Dunford was to be preferred.

His Lordship considered that the Instant case was one in which the principle of the clean breck about be imposed. The order of the registrar would be varied by ordering the bouse to be said within three months and that out of the proceeds of said the husband process of said the husband of the proceeds of Said the husband.

of the proceeds of selection his arms about receive £7,500. The wife's application for neriodical payments would be distributed. Solicions: Seifert, Sodiev & Co; Cartwright, Cumingham,

Justices called on witness

In re W (a minor) Justices who, before hearing a mother's application to terminate a resolution vesting parental rights in the local authority, saw the child and the social worker who was to give evidence were criticized by Sir John Arnold, President, in the Family Division. HIS LORDSHIP said that such

a practice was most unfortunate and he hoped that nothing of the kind would occur again. Sir George Baker in In re T (an infant) (Sol J. Vol 113 78) had even said that there was an rule of law which empowered justices to see children in their private room. The decision of the justices to uphold the resolution could not stand

For the record

Athletics

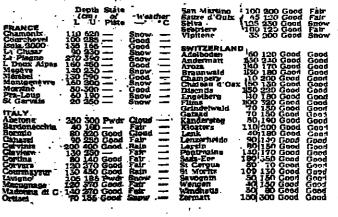
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Tennis

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Latest European snow reports

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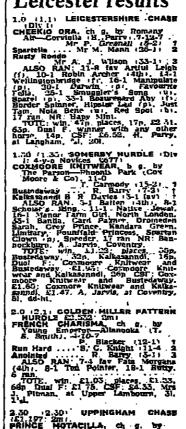
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Steel strike must be settled on terms industry can afford

It seemed deplorable to many people that the law should allow the private steel sector, where there was no quartel or dispute between employees and their employers, to be called into the British Steel Corporation dispute,

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, said. He was replying to Mr Kenneth Baker (City of Westminster, St Marylebone, C) during exchanges after a statement in reply to a private notice question from Mr John Silkin, chief Opposition chief Opposition spokesman on industry,

Mr Baker had said: Following the decision by the House of Lords on Friday which reversed the decision of the Court of Appeal the law as regards secondary picketing is in a considerable eate of confusion.

Would the Government take an early opportunity to clarify the law, in particular to narrow the range of trade union immunities, espēcially the immunity enjoyed particular employer is not involved in the dispute?

Sir Keith Joseph said the particular question was a matter for the Secretary of State for Employ-ment, Mr James Prior.

Earlier in reply to Mr Silkin, he said: The employees of the private steel companies have now been brought into the steel dis-

pute although they have no quarrel with their employers. The loss of business arising from this action and from the communing dispute in BSC is putting steel firms and the jobs in them at risk. So far steel users generally

have been little affected by the dispute but production and employment will be threatened on a much wider scale if and when steel supplies run out. It is in the interest of all who

depend on steel for their liveli-hood that the BSC and the unious should end this self-destructive dispute quickly on terms which the industry can afford. Mr Silkin (Lewisham, Deptford,

Lab)—What is the value of the lost production so far? I saw a report in the weekend press which said there was "a conspiracy of silence between the CBI and the BSC as to the damage that has actually been done".

It is the Government's refusal

to intervene and in particular the inaction and complacency of Sir Keith Joseph that has led us to a strike that is now coming to

a strike that is now coming to
its sixth week.

Is not the real problem of the
contraction of the British steel industry the contraction of British
manufacturing industry itself?
That contraction has been accelerated by the Covernment's contraerated by the Government's economic policies and by its failure to protect industries at the greatest risk. By cutting the economy Sir Keith and his colleagues are cut-

Sir Keith Joseph—I cannot give a precise answer about the loss of production. (Labour cries of "Why not?"). The quantity of production appears from such figures as have been published to have been very little down, something of the order of 1 per cent in the third week of the

The real damage cannot be measured just in lost production, serious though that is, but in confidence and future orders of British

Mr Silkin shows once again that he flinches from saying what he means. In asking the Government to intervene he really means and I do not know why he does not come out openly and say it—that he wants the Government to find more money from the long-suffer-ing taxpayer.

Most taxpeyers have smaller carpings than the £112 a week which is the average earnings of the steel workers.

It is not in the interests of the taxpayer, steel worker or the country that the taxpayer should once again come in and pay money which the workers themselves can earn by the higher productivity that is available. It is deeply in steel workers' own interests to become internationally. become internationally com-

It serves those workers ill when Labour spokesmen reject this basic

British manufacturing industry, which was manifest during the five years of the previous government. One of the factors reducing demand for British steel has been the fall in demand from British steel-using industries, and deeply tragic that is.

Mr Silkin-When he says I have not said this openty he is wrong. I have said it in debate after debate. It shows he does not listen any more than he has listened to those European compatitors he praises so much or to Commissioner Vredeling. none of whom can understand what on earth his rigid timetable is meant to achieve.

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles)—There are lessons to be learnt from the success of the French steel industry since the restructuring carried out, backed by the Government, in 1978. There is a growing feelin gin

public opinion, including among employers in the private steel industry, that the Government's steedfast trefusal to do anything in this matter smacks not so much of the principles of Toryism as the principles of anythy the principles of anarchy. Sir Keith Joseph-Mr Steel is one of those who thinks the longsuffering taxpayer should be called in to make good the earnings

It is true that a number of steel industries abroad, particularly German, Dutch and French, have either turned from loss to profit over the last two years, or are well on the way to doing so, by their own efforts in spite of the difficulties facing the steel

Mr Peter Emery (Honiton, C)-There is considerable pressure from workers and trade unionists in the West Country with average wages of £60 and £80 a week that no further Government subsidy should be paid to the steel industry which would mean that those workers could have wages financed by the taxpayer much higher than anything could be seen in the West Country.

higher earnings to the steel worker but many people realize that he can earn more himself and need not turn to the taxpayer. Mr James Tinn (Teesside, Redcar, Lab) said that a considerable pro-portion of the burden on the steel industry came from the interest payment on the debt incurred as a part of the modernization pro-gramme in constituencies like his. Steel workers (he continued) have made their contribution with

10,000 jobs lost in my area and more in other parts of the country. It is right that the community stould make a contribution to easing the burden such as by

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Sir Keith Joseph Interest pay-ments are less in proportion in British Steel than in practically all their European competitors. The last £1.500m investment by the taxpayer in British steel pays no interest. It is public dividend

Mr Patrick McNair-Wilson (New Forest, C)-Since there appears to be lingering doubts in the private sector and elsewhere that the Goverument can be coerced into inter-rening, can the minister state categorically that the Government will not intervene to usurp the management function and will not

Sir Keith Joseph—It is in the interests of steel workers that they Sir Keith Joseph-No one grudges should become more competitive. That is the way their jobs will be saved, they will earn more, and have secure employment. Therefore, rescue by the taxpayer will

Mr John Morris (Aberavon, Lab) -How long do Sir Keith Joseph and the Prime Minister intend to maintain their stance of nonintervention and allow industry to bleed to death?

Sir Keith Joseph—We hope that management and unions will soon be negotiating seriously and with good results.

Mr Nott-Some 95 per cent of all

no protection against low-cost im-

The present problem is against

£48m in state aid for S Wales to mitigate coal and steel rundown

available over the last two years for remedial measures to counteract the cutback in the seed industry in Wales, Mr Nicholas
Edwards, Secretary of State for
Wales, announced in opening a
debate on Welsh affairs.

Mr Edwards (Pembroke, C) said that the future of the coal and steel industries and the industrial and social consequences of the BSC proposals were events which any Secretary of State for Wales, faced already with a depressing inher-itance of social and industrial difficulties, would do almost unything to avoid.

BSC's decisions had serious consequences for the coal industry in Wales. But the real reason for the reduction in demand for coking coal was the inability to sell steel rather than the actual closure or scaling down of plants.

Obviously, a substantial reduc-tion of consumption by BSC would put South Wales pits at risk and lead to job losses but these would be far less than some figures being bandied about. No firm decisions had been taken by the NCB on the timing or numbers. He was unable to discuss figures today.
On a subsidy for coking coal, the Government had authorized a substantial investment programme as

part of its coal strategy of over

part of its coal strategy of over £600m and was providing grants of over £250m. The Government had authorized the NCB to provide a coking coal subsidy within its own finances and subject to its own commercial judgment.

The NCB had asked for an extra £18m towards the agreed cost of £33m but since subsidies and cash limits were agreed, oil prices had risen sharply, raiding the coal board's headroom, but the Government saw no reason why the board ment saw no reason why the board should not be able to find the necessary funds. At the request of the TUC last Thursday, the chairmen of the two industries were being pressed to seek agree-

The Government accepted its share of the responsibility for custioning the impact of change and it would seek to do everything. possible to encourage and assist the growth of new industries in affected parts of South Wales. He knew there would be anxiety

imports from low cost producers of textiles are under some form or restraint or another. It is simply about assisted area status. The Secretary of State for Industry, Sir Keith Joseph, was reviewing the situation and would make an animports from developed countries and that is the subject of a Council of Ministers meeting tomorrow. nouncement as soon as possible after final decisions had been taken by BSC, after consultation

The prime need was for the acquisition, preparation and development of industrial sites with a substantial programme of advance factories within the areas most

What is needed now (he said) is to launch a new intrastructure programme, so that we can get things under way and give people the assurance that action will be taken. Within the reduced public expenditure programme the Gov-eroment was planning to make Weish la available some £48m over the next a ghetto.

The Government are to make £48m two years for remedial measures available over the next two years. The major part of those additional for remedial measures to counterresources would go to the Welsh Development Agency, which was preparing detailed plans. The Combran Development Corporation had been asked to discuss with local authorities whether they could develop industrial land in or

around the new town. - ' His announcement would enable the WDA to get on without delay with a substantial programme of acquisition and development of industrial sites which would be available for both public and private sector development.

The Government was determined to cheating an increasing statement.

to obtain an increasing private sector participation in the development of industrial sites. That would take unter and the programme he had announced was an essential first stage.

Apert from that new programme, the WDA would be spending in the coming financial year about £12m from their neveral

spending in the coming financial year about £12m from their normal programme in the areas affected by the closures, including £8.500,000 in Ebbw Vale and Carolff.
Despite the overriding necessity

to obtain public expenditure reduc-tions he had defended the key motorway and truk road pro-gramme including the M4 and A53 which would proceed on the basi

which would proceed on the basis already announced.

It was his intention within the next few weeks to set out in a comprehensive review the Government's views on the Weish language and the way in which they could fulfil their commitment to support it.

They would shortly be issuing a consultative document on the place

of Welsh in the school curriculum. The Government had set in train legislative steps to provide additional financial support for Welsh nonal mancial support for Welsh language reaching. Despite the financial crisis, it was planning to improve further the present financial backing given to the language. He had changed his mind on his policy to Welsh language broadcasting.

casting. The Government's arrangements proposed at least 20 hours of Welsh television programmes a week from the autumn of 1982, and discussions were tak-ing place with the broadcasting The Broadcasting Bill would contain provisions to ensure there was consultatio nabout the scheduling

of Welsh language broadcasts to avoid clashen and to ensure that Welsh language programmes received their fair share of peak viewing times. When one of the four channels was showing Welsh inguage programmes, the others would be in English.

To use the fourth channel exclusively for Weish language programmes would mean that Wales

would have to opt out of the United Kingdom network for nearly 50 per cent of transmission The Government's solution gare wider choice to the Welsh people,

provided a sounder fluancial base

Competition rather than control

The importance which the Government attached to competition was fundamental because it took the view that the free choices of the citizens should determine the pat-tern of economic activity, Viscount Trenchard, Minister of State for

He was moving the second read-ing of the Competition Bill which has already been before the Commons and which provides, among things, for the abolition of the Price Commission Viscount Trenchard said the Bill

was an essential component of the Government's overall economic strategy. It believed in competition rabther than control Consumers were not free to choose unless suppliers competed; this mean

Nowhere was competition more important than in the control of inflation. Previous governments had put their faith in controls. Price controls, high personal taxation, and the erosion of differentials had been advocated not because governments believed in because governments believed in them but because they were trying to placate or win favour from some section of opinion in the trade union movement or on the left

Price control was worse than useless because it positively broke down competition. It changed the orientation of business from the marketplace, from new products and new designs, to one which at

times represented near collusion to beat off the assaults of the Price Commission.

The Price Commission, with its 500 staff and consultants to support them, were capable of asking enough questions to turn the minds of tens of thousands of managers

away from wealth creating.
Lord Pousonby of Shulbrede, and
Opposition spokesman, said the
Bill abolished the Price Commission without proposing that its powers and responsibilities, investigative rechniques and ability to act quickly should be transferred to any other body.

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and reserve powers under me Bill were seen to be quite inadequate. This was most regrettable, particularly at a time of rising inflation. The rate of inflation when the Bill's second reading took place in the Commons was 11.4 per cent. Today it was edging up to 20 per cent.

The Government was doing away with any form of price control.

Any hope of a pay policy working for the future would depend in some measure on control over prices.

Lady Seear (L) said the Liberals gave general approval to the objectives behind the Bill. The Bill was read a second time. House adjourned, 5.37 pm

The New Hebrides Bill, which grants independence to the New Hebrides within the Common-

EEC ministers to consider impact of imports

The best way to safeguard Britain's Mr Nott—I accept that import trading system was by abiding by the rules of the Gatt and not creating new multilateral import consumptions, Mr John Nott, Secretary of trading system was by abiding by the rules of the Gatt and not crect-ing new multilateral import con-trols, Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Trade, said during ques-

Mr Norman Atkinson (Haringey, Tottenham, Lab) had asked if Mr. Not: would consider the early introduction of multilateral import regulations as a means of assisting worldwide growth in manufactur-ing industries. Mr Nott (St Ives; C)—No.

Mr Atkinson—Over the period 1968 to 1978 import penetration in terms of ratio between imports and home demand has risen from 17 per cent to 25 per cent in 1978 and we are now within three or four per cent of a disastrous situation in manufacturing industry where sections of our industry will go out of business unless the minister

as well. Nearly a tono of our gross national product is represented by exports and we have to maintain a balance between these to keep our markets open overseas and the jobs which depend on that. Mr Michael Latham (Melton, C)-The British carpet yarn industry has been almost totally destroyed by American imports within the last 12 months. There are only two

firms now working. Should not an immediate ban be considered? Nir Nott-I am surprized to hear him say there are only two firms, I think there are rather more than that concerned with the import of yarms at present.

This is a matter we have been pressing within the EEC and I am going to the Council of Ministers

ters. I hope by the end of this week we will have more to say on this subject.

Mr James Lamond (Oldham. East, Lab) are largely becoming a farce because when MPs ask for safe-guards for their constituents, if the imports are from EEC countries, the idea of import controls, and if they come from trying to assist the manmade fibre ladustry by looking at the question of lair trading?

Mat Serme 95 par cent of all.

Mr Nott-I agree that we have to obtain a balance between protect-ing our industry from unfair im-ports on the one hand and the need, on the other hand, to promote exports on which a third of our manufacturing industry

depends.

We have in these matters to act through the Community. I accept that we must take firm and deci-

ing down with some subjective He saw no reason why employers or unions should shrink from put-

ting, or releasing to the press, the information themselves.

Ministerial statements can make strikes worse people know that a process worker in the steel industry has a basic pay of £112 a week, which is £6,000 should be asked to undertake this It was about time the Government ments could be prepared since the made the public aware of what was facts relevant to a particular dis-at stake in major disputes such as pute are usually complex and often the steel strike. Lord Byers, leader involve subjective judgments.

the steel strike, Lord Byers, leader of the Liberal peers, said at ques-

in terms which could easily be understood by the public, he suggestêd.

Statements by the Government or other bodies not directly involved in the dispute tend to exacerbate The Government should issue an the difficulties and make authoritative statement of the facts for them to be resolved. the difficulties and make it harder

Lord Byers-Will the Government reconsider this in view of the vital importance of the public being The Earl of Gowrie, Minister of importance of the public being State for Employment, replied It properly informed of the facts of is doubtful whether such state any major dispute? How many

considerable sympathy with what Lord Byers had said. Unfortunately, he still had some hesitation about whether the Government was the appropriate body here. It could easily be represented that the Government was a party to, or had a direct interest in, the and that could exacerbate

so the public had an independent and authoritative view. But Acas might be in the same difficulty; they had a function as arbiters and it might be thought they were comstatement on the situation.

Labour urges delay Mr Alec Jones, thef Opposition the BSC but the implications spokesman on Welsh affairs (Rhondda, Lab), said Wales would not be treated by a Conservative contracts had been let by the corgovernment in 1980 as it was treated in 1980.

The Opposition and the vast majority of people in Wales believed there should be a two year sals. Only a time delay of that scale could relieve the impossible pressures being faced over unemployment in South Wales. Time could only be bought at a

tions.) It might be amusing to ask his con stituents if they want to give up duty free or cheap cost. If that cost was an extra Government subsidy provided by all taxpayers, this would be a I do not believe there is an unacceptable safety hazard if the liquor is properly stowed. I will draw this to the attention of the fairer sharing of the cost rather than making the steel workers and miners of South Wales bear the brunt of the exercise on their own. One of the factors infinencing closure decisions in South Wales and other parts of the country was the unrealistic break-even date im-

posed on the steel corporation by the Government, If they could gain time a range of options became available. If they did not have any time the economic, social and political consequences would be political consequences would be most serious.

The South Wales coalfield faced consequences of the steel closure. The BSC's closure proposals would mean the loss of 7,500 jobs and their determination to buy imported coking coal would cost another 7,500.

It would be argued that this was the managerial responsibility of

the consequences alone and unaided it meant the loss of 15,000 jobs in the South Wales coalfield and This was remarkable at a time

The NCB had requested a short-term tapering subsidy—f8m for the first year, £6m for the second, £4m for the third and £2m for the fourth—which would enable them to compete on equal terms with imported foreign coking coal. That

Trade with Russia

Provisional figures for 1979 showed a deficit on Britain's visible trade with the Soviet Union of about £410m, Mr John Nott, secre-

Now the churches go into action in Rhodesia.

250,000 refugees. 750,000 displaced persons. -30% of all children suffering from malnutrition.

10.000 war detainees. Villages crumbled. Land untilled.

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Their own agency, Christian Care, representing all the churches, will carry out a large part of this programme. Among its other work, it is the organisation invited by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to play a key role in resettlement.

The organisations listed below are those with direct links with the Rhodesian churches. They ask all British Christians to support that programme through this united appeal.

The first target is £500,000 (about onethird of the first year's cost) but much work for the longer term lies ahead. We ask you to open your hand and your

heart to this united Christian endeayour. To: Rhodesia Appeal, P.O. Box I, London SW9 8BH.

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Churches' United Appeal for

Reconstruction in Rhodesia

Putting airport duty free shop profits to use Something like 30 per cent of the bizarre that we carry millions of British Airport Authority's bottles of scotch across the Atlan-

sales. Mr Norman Tebbit, Under Secretary for Trade, said when he rejected a suggestion that duty-free sales were merely a cloak for things are conducted. (Interrupprivileged traders to make excessive profits.

Mr Michael McNair-Wilson (Newbury, C) had asked Mr Tebbit to suggest to the chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority to end the nonsense of duty-free shops at international airports.

In the cabin of wide bodied aircraft today (he said) hundreds of bottles of liquor and scent are

carted from country to country. This creates an additional hazard to the safety of passengers in the event of an accident and lacreases the weight in the aircraft. way airport charges are held down to acceptable levels. A major part of the profit goes to the airport authority and thereby holds down landing and other service tharges.

Vouchers should be obtainable in the aircraft which could be cashed at the duty-free shop at the home base of the passenger. Mr Tebbit (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C)—It is slightly

Prices ministry not the way to lower prices

The retail prices index increased by 17.2 per cent over the past year and by 10.3 per cent over the 12 months to last May, Mr Cecil Par-kinson, Minister of tSate for Trade,

Mr Ioan Evans (Aberdare, Lab)—
The prices and consumer, department has been absorbed by his department, the minister is responsible for keeping down prices, but prices are increasing. We have had an increased VAT and minimum lending rate, for instance. lending rate, for instance.

Mr Parkinson (South Hertfordshire, C)—He should recall those happy times when the Labour Government had a prices minister and a prices ministry and prices doubled during its existence. Having a department which keeps the records and reports on prices is not a way of controlling them.

Mr Michael Latham (Melton, C)—Under Labour, prices more than doubled. They have a cheek to talk on this.

Mr Parkinson—He has put his fin-ger on the problem. It is bad conger on the problem. It is bad con-science. Mr John Smith, chief Opposition

Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade (North Lanarkshire, Lab)—What contribution to the Government's counter-inflation policy has been made by doubling VAT, the MLR increase and the gas price increase of more than the board asked for? There have been other increases, too, which are going ahead unchecked by the minister.

Is there any counter-inflation policy? When does the Government expect to see inflation in stude expect to see inflation in single figures as it was when they took office?

Mr Parkinson—The only time the Labour Government showed any sign of getting control of inflation was when, after International Monetary Fund instructions, it cut public spending and started to take control of the money supply—the way the country must move in the long term.

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House of Lords

Concealing the cost of plugs to car makers

Mr James Wellbeloved (Bexley

Erith and Crayford, Lab)—The problem would be overcome if

those purveying duty free goods were offering a genuine price to the travelling public. Duty free is merely a cloak for privileged traders to make excessive profits.

Mr Tebbit-It is a cloak for the

It was an abuse of the powers of the Secretary of State for Trade (Mr John Nott) to use them to over up profit exploitation from public view, Mr Michael Meacher (Oldham, West, Lab) said in questioning Mr Reginald Eyre, Under Secretary for Trade, on the criteria used by Mr Nott for determining the public interest regarding major deletions from official reports. official reports. Mr Eyre (Birmingham, Hall Green, C) had told him—The public in-terest is not defined in the relevant legislation for which the Secretary

of State is responsible. He has to take the issue of the public interest according to the circumstances of each report. Mr Meacher—Will be indicate exactly how it is in the public interest for the Secretary of State to delete from the recent Price Commission report on car compodents such evidence as, for example, that the cost of replacing sparking plugs is no less than 10 times more for the car owner than the charse to the car manufacturer the charge to the car manufacturer originally? It is in the interest of the car manufacturers—the SMMT—that this information was not given out and not in the public interest. Quite the reverse. It is an abuse of the powers of the Secretary of State, to use them in this way to cover up profit exploitation from public view.

Mr Eyre—I can only assume that he is guessing as to the precise content of that confidential report. But the report of the Price Commission was extremely detailed and in making deletions the Secretary of State had regard to the commercial interests of companies—(Labour cries of 'Oh'')—where they are justifia-bly part of the wider public in-

Mr Norman Atkinson (Haringey, Tottenham, Lab)—Does he justify a retail price of 10 times that paid Mr Evre-Since this is a speculative discussion I am not able to

An obvious example is where the disclosure of detailed information would be of considerable aid to foreign competitors.

comment on the details.

the miners were expected to face

the closure of something like 20 collieries which would never be

when the coalfields in 1978-9 had a 7 per cent improvement in output over the previous year and 9.3 per cent improvement in productivity.

meant a total subsidy tapering off to nothing of £20m spread over four years would save about 7,500 jobs. On pure arithmetic this must be preferable to paying redun-dancy payments.

tary of State for Trade, said during questions.

Competition cuts prices

Those who did not believe competition restrained prices should look at the newspapers. One grocery chain under the pressure of competition had again reduced its prices and estimated this would save the housewife 50p a week, Mr Norman Tebbit, Under Secretary for Trade, said at question time.

Mr Dennis Canavan (West Stirling-shire, Lab)—Before winding it up, which is a report showing how much the Government's disastrous political and the contributed to inflation-increased VAT, mortgages, bus fares, price of petrol, gas, electrication and the contributed to inflation-increased var.

Mr. John Dormand (Easington, Lab)—had said competition did not restrain prices and was totally inadequate in a modern economic system. He alled for the reintroduction of some of the controls exercised by the previos government in an attempt to restrain inflation.

Mr Tebbit (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C)—The sort of controls he has in mind are those which put one of the major bread suppliers out of business and led to less competition in that industry. That no doubt has something to do with the fact that bread prices have gone up higher than they would otherwise have done.

The Price Commission would be The Price Commission would be formally wound up shortly after the Competition Bill has received Royal Assent, Mr Reginald Eyre, Under Secretary for Trade, said during other questions.

foodstuffs?

Would not such a report show the need to retain the Price Commission instead of abolishing it?

Mr. Eyre—He should remember with humility that the retail price index doubled in the life of the previous Government.

The Price Commission was entirely ineffective to deal with this. It merely helped to delay price increases and had the effect of storing up large increases for the consumer at a later date.

Mr. John Bruce-Gardyne (Knutzfue consumer at a ster date.

Mr John Bruce-Gardyne (Knutsford, C)—Would he consider intoducing legislation to give those
whose jobs were destroyed by the
Price Commission, in the bread
and grain industries and elsewhere,
an opportunity to site the members an opportunity to see the members of that board for damages? Mr Eyre—That is an interesting suggestion which will be of particular interest so the legal profession. (laughter.)

Commodity centre costly

in view of the need for further reductions in public expenditure, it could not provide finance for the huilding of new premises in London for the existing commodity organizations already established here and the associated conference centre, Mr Cecil Parkinson, Minister of State for Trade, said at question time. He added that the Government was still prepared to question time. He added that the Government was still prepared to consider any future proposal for establishing the Common Fund in

Mr David Knox (Leek, C) in ques-Mr David Knox (Leek, C) in ques-tioning the minister about a pro-posed world commodity centre, said.—This is a rather short-sighted decision which places in jeopardy the continued presence of those

A world commodity centre here would be a good investment and a good way of spending North Sea oil revenue.

Mr Parkinson (South, Hertfordshire, C)—He has por a great deal of work into this proposal, but the cost to the Government would have been considerable and at the end of the day all we would have had would have been new offices for the existing organizations and a place to hold conterences.

The cost to the taxpayer would have been considerable and would have involved a running subsidy of at least film a year in addition to the capital cost. That sluply could the capital cost. That simply could not have been afforded.

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Fashion

Prudence Glynn

We must try harder

Enough of gloom and doom in fashion. If you put your mind to it you should look stunning this season.

look stunning this season.

Of course there are serious problems for manufacturers and retailers though one might point out that many of them have been on the horizon since 1977 and were clearly visible to those with the right brand of telescope; but then fashion is a notoriously short-sighted industry. industry.

Why whine to Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, about cheap imports from obliging Hongkong when, if you ask an English manufacturer to put an extra row of top-spitching on a garment the answer is, No. One seam, no design. No design, no

No wonder women are either nor buying or are "buying safe". What else is there? And what else is there to make of an industry so fragmented and undercapitalized, so lacking in confidence and projection and which is represented in the eyes of government by a body which is self-electing, self-congratulatory and whose latest triumphs have included the sponsorship (helped by your and my money) of a mission to Tokyo.

Most of the participants were cocktail and evening dress producers, although Japanese women buying in this price bracket do not drink cocktails, nor do they go out after six o'clock. The timing, however, was brilliant. It coincided with a mammoth Japanese fair elsewhere in the city, to which all the buyers went.

The answer is that we can make as much or as little of it as we want and the great danger is now that, having talked ourselves out of Empire, Faith and the Work Ethic we are just about to intellectualize ourselves out of fashion fashion.

How splendid to hear Robert Midgley, chairman of Harrods, that apotheosis of the consumer dream state roundly that we just have to work harder, be more competitive, give better service, better value. Green-eyed ones among retailers will, of course, point out that that sentiment is easier to express by a mogul who can offer his customers anything from a black silk stocking to a lawn mower rather than stocking to a lawn mower rather than just trying to flog a few frocks. But it is, in fact, a sentiment echoed through all the areas of the trade who know just who their customer is. Monty Marks, for instance, whose range designed by Anne Tyrell for John Marks can be counted in dozens at any might out furnish the thinks we have night out function. He thinks we have

to work harder, too. Then, there has arisen this spectre of poverty, yet the best selling overcoat this non-winter has been either a camel classic at £173 or a heavy knit plus fake fur calf length job at £125. It is possible that people are buying them to offset fuel bills, of course.

But it is an ill wind, etc, so by now I trust you have in your wardrobe a narrower, shorter skirt, an expensive-looking shirt, a jacket with a stand, triple seamed collar, wrist-length gloves, a hat by Bermona and for late

day, a camisole dress with a shirred waistline and a soft jacket to fling on the back of chairs as the evening wears on or off, as the case may be. And all at thrifty prices, too. Never have there been such bargains if you know that you need.

Colours Solid blocks of plain colours juxta-posed in unusual combinations. Good together; black skirt, scarler shirt, white jacket; claret with grey; toffee with grey and claret; white with cream with emerald; royal blue, scarlet and

yellow; scarlet with grey and black.
You need to be a bit careful wearing
claret if you have a typically fair
English skin. It can make you look
very wan, so adjust your makeup
accordingly.
Boring neutrals are out. I rather like

Boring neutrals are out. I rather like sage green (not for makeup), which is fluttering, but do not wear too much of it at once—for instance, not a coat. When I was in Australia and America the difference which most struck me was the quality of light which absolutely demolishes our gloomy fog-bound ideas of tone. It also demolishes our exports; "We love your look and your quality" say the stores "but your colours are just drab."

Proportions

Proportions
Absolutely crucial in putting together the new look in separates. Prepare to knock, knees unrevealed for a decade, because you are going to be on view. Not in those silly tu-tus which Paris showed a year ago, but certainly for the bold sports-fashion-orientated in the form of a brief knit mini and, far more important in mass market terms. skirts are just simply getting shorter.

The best length jacket to wear with them (do not forget the contrast colour) is mid thigh length—certainly for outerwear—or the newly revived short, bolero jacket.

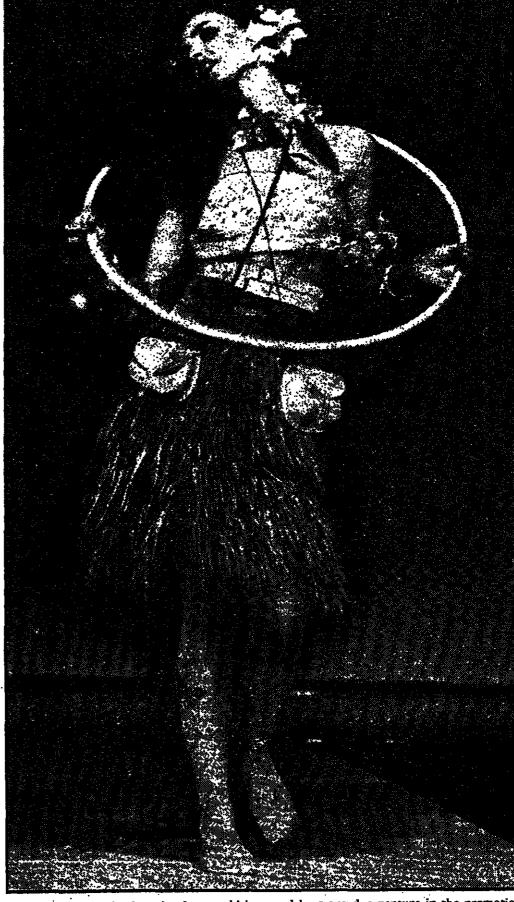
Before the last war there used to be called bridge jackets, presumably because they were worn to prevent pneumonia in unheated country houses while you sat around for hours waiting for your parmer to call dummy, or whatever it is one does in bridge. Anyway, these little jackets should be knitted, and brikiantly patterned, probably shot through with lurex. Stolid figures will prefer the sleeveless, collarless classic bolero shape which hides a multitude of sins and balances a multitude of larger lower halves. The dashing should go for the metador cut, much shorter, with peaked shoulders to enhance a nice neat waist. shoulders to enhance a nice neat waist.

What is much worse, you are going to have to have one, if at all possible, without benefit of substantial founda-

Yes, I fear you are going to have to

tion garments. I suspect that underpinnings, or the lack of them are going to be a major source of concern for women this season. So many of the prettiest clothes are so very sheer, wherein lies their

It is a conundrum, and at the risk of being accused of dodging the question, the only advice I can offer is that you at least try these new, soft shapes. The lingerie people at all prices are much more in tune with fashion than they used to be and you can probably get a slip to follow the contours and the colour of the dress. When in doubt, don't.



Tomorrow sees the launch of an ambitious and long overdue venture in the promotion of British Fashion. The London Midseason Collections will run for three days at what used to be the Rainbow Room of Derry and Toms then Biba and is now termed the Kensington Exhibition Centre, in Kensington High Street. Sponsored by the Clothing Export Council and Drapers Record, this first actual fair for midseason topping-up is planned to be a twice yearly event. Just short of ninety exhibitors are there to provide

Above: One way to show accessories; bags, flowers, belts, beads by Sarah-Lou

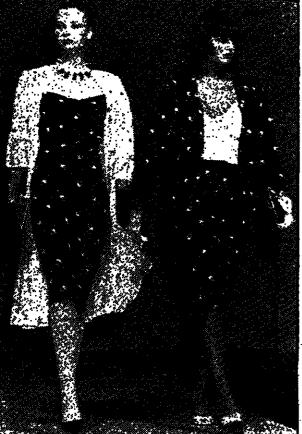
Left: The All-American leisure look

Abstract print mini skirt, wind cheater, T shirt. By Paul Howie TI-IE LONDON



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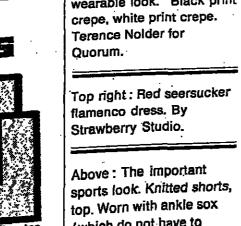
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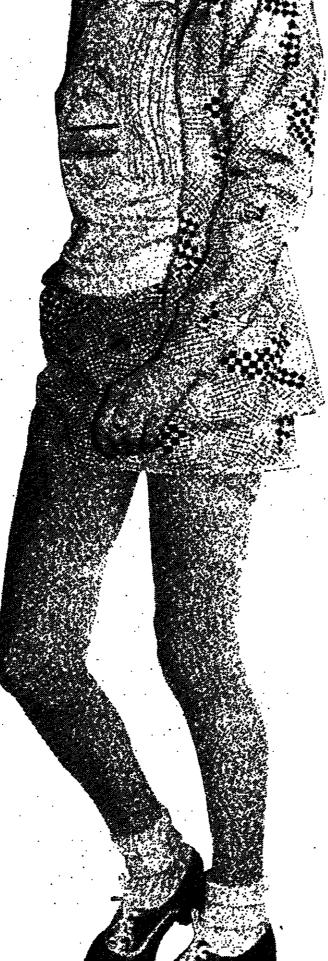


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Top left : The cool, wearable look. Black print crepe, white print crepe. Terence Nolder for

(which do not have to match one another).







It may not be universally the change, my good machine ", known, but journalists, and it thumbs its mechanical nose at among the most modest and unassuming of people, always reluctant to draw public attention to their gifts or achievements. My own readers will, of course, have noticed such qualities in me, and may well have wondered whether I am as exceptional in this respect as in so many others; I can assure them that I am not, and that it is the custom throughout my profession to do good by stealth, and blush to find it

I begin thus because today's column is directed not only to you, gentle reader, but to one of my Times colleagues, whom I now invite to step forward and claim, with demurely downcast eyes, the credit for a dis-covery which ranks with those of Archimedes, of Newton, nay, of Galileo himself. I have to do it this way, because I do not know, and cannot otherwise find out, which of my fellows has thus enriched mankind and made so notable a contribution to Western civilization; I do not even know whether a lady or a gentleman is responsible, whether a veteran of many years in the writing trade or the youngest and most recently-initial escretary. All I know is joined secretary. All I know is that we have a genius amongst us. Now mark my words.

There are, on the editorial floors of The Times, a number of machines which dispense food (if that is the right word, and in the case of the pork pies it may well not be) for cash down —down the slot in the side of the contraption, that is. Naturally, the machines go wrong, thus demonstrating yet again the validity of Hutber's Law mamed for its originator, the financial journalist Patrick Hutber, whose recent tragic death in a road accident leaves us all the poorer). which states that " Progress Means Deterior-; when we were in the old building at Blackfriars we had tea-ladies, who dispensed their wares with much welcome cheerfulness and never went wrong at all, but in the move to Chateau Seifert those good souls were permanently mislaid, and now we have only these soulless constructions.

In addition to their habit of mechanical failure, the food-dispensers have one crippling drawback, which has frequently brought me close to pushing their glass faces down their aluminium throats. They will only accept the exact sum speci-fied on each of the displayed containers for the particular item inside. Since the prices are almost never in round figures of 5, 10, 15 or 20 pence, it follows that an appallingly unproductive number of man-hours is spent by those who, famished in the arduous labours of journalism, wish to sustain themselves till the next square meal with a sandwich, a biscuit, a bun or a humble packet of crisps, in scurrying about the only owned half of the building, office trying to find someone the other half being occupied with a supply of copper, so that something costing 9p or 13p may the division was vertical; each be obtained from the otherwise unyielding bowels of Robot the

Rotter.
Now before I get to the point, I must explain—for otherwise you will not understand it when I do get to it—that the machine repulsive and unhelpful though it is, can count. When a coin is inserted, the machine emits a series of audible clicks, as many clicks as there are pence in the coin, from, naturally, one to ten. When the exact number demanded has been registered, pressing the button opposite the container of the food the customer seeks results in the mechanism moving round until the item may be extracted from the delivery-slot. (I know it's difficult without a diagram, but put a wet towel round your head and carry on trying.) But the most infuriating aspect of the machine is that its insistence on the exact sum required extends not only to a refusal to release the food for less than the stipulated charge (which is reasonable), and to a further refusal to give change (which is not), but to an almost incredible refusal to let the customer overpay it.
Thus, if I want a sevenpenny

reckon the cost of satisfying my known as Lavish Jack Levin, Last of the Big-Time Spenders. Last of the Big-Time Spenders, kick in the side as I go, just to emphasize the point a 10p piece with a cry of "Keep C'Times Newspapers Ltd, 1980

copper hunt I have mentioned. Enter Prometheus, or possibly his sister. In one brilliant, instantaneous flash of inspiration someone in this office has solved the problem, and solved it, moreover, in a peculiarly satisfying way, because the discovery demonstrates that the machine is stupid as well as unpleasant. Take the telephone off the book and attend very carefully; a concrete illustra-tion should make all clear. Sup-pose that you want something priced 8p, and you have only a lop com. You first press the delivery-button, and keep it pressed. You then put the lop in the slot, and you hear the click-counter go into action.

When the count reaches eight, the machine automatically releases the food, because it is too thick to have foreseen that the money inserted is more than the sum it wants. And what makes it all the more delightful is the look on the beastly thing's face as the clicker continues for two more clicks, and it realizes, too late, that it has been had.

When I heard of this discovery, I naturally went in

covery, search of its author, so that I might lay my humble tribute at great innovators and benefactors. The news was communicated to me by Mr Marcel Berlins, the paper's Legal Correspondent, but he a man exceptionally modest even by the normal standards of journalists—at once disclaimed all credit, and referred me to Mr Rodney Cowton, the Home News Editor, from whom Marcel had had the information. Mr Cowton, however, was just as quick to deny authorship, and sent me on to Miss Annabel Ferriman. Closing in on my quarry, I taxed Annabel with having thus erected an enduring monument to the power of human reason; she blushed, and denied it in turn, adding, in response to my obvious question, that she could not remember who had

I am therefore obliged to make this appeal corum populo, so that when an appropriate plaque is put up in The Times office to commemorate the great discovery (my proposal is that it should be affixed to the wall of the corridor immediately opposite the food-dispenser be tormented by this ever-present reminder of Man's superiority to the Machine), it may bear the name of the man or woman to whom the credit is due, and thus ensure that he or she is honoured and remembered, as is only fitting. The very first job I ever had in journalism was with the

BBC, in radio. The building in which I worked was the Lang-ham (formerly the Langham Hotel), opposite Broadcasting floor was divided into two by a glass door, separating the ex-ploited wage-slaves of the ruthless capitalist enterprise from the proud freemen of the harmoniously-run public corporation. It was however, noticeable that, even as we went back and forth to the BBC canteen, sipped our horribly stewed tea from chipped cups half an inch thick, and swal-lowed with difficulty rock-cakes which would have been more correctly named cake-rocks, on the other side of the partition, the Metal Box tea-ladies, dressed in tasteful uniforms, could be seen trundling trolleys laden with fine china and gleaming silver, and groaning under the weight of an array of most tempting and deliciouslooking comestibles. If it
turned out that the now defeated food-dispensers at The
Times were made by the Metal
Box Company (and they are
certainly Metal Boxes, so I
don't see why they shouldn't
be), it would constitute the
sweetest revense that has ever sweetest revenge that has ever come my way after nearly 30 years of hungering for it. I shall years of aningering for R. I shall nip along the corridor immediately and check, taking with me a 10p com for a 6p item, and, having humiliated the machine by effecting the transaction in the manner described above. I shall give it a good bird in the tide at I go just

The Commonwealth Monitoring Group has been successful—but when it should it leave?

Rhodesia: now the worry is how to get out

of Government House. Inside, in an office which once served as a bedroom for the Queen Mother, Major General John Acland, pipe in mouth, is drawing up plans for "D-Day" No one is more aware than he that their success is heavily dependant upon the continuing, relative tranquillity of this long bot Southern Rho-

"D.Day" is the day when General Acland will lead his 1,400 strong Commonwealth Moistoring Group (CMG) out of their tiny enclaves along the rist of this uncertain country, their mission accomplished. How it will be done is one problem which exercises his staff in their makeshift head-

So far 78 ceasefire breaches have been confirmed—the bulk of them committed by the Zim-babwe National Liberation Army of Mr Robert Mugabe or at least within the Zania area of operations—while 120 alleged breaches are still being investforces at Combined Operations headquarters complain that there have in fact been 795 incidents of one kind or another since the ceasefire started, a figure which they regard as unacceptably high.

But even the sceptical Rhodesian whites agree that the daily catalogue of deaths has dwindled. Large tracts of the country remain wild and inhospitable, and political intimidation is still a worry. But Rhodesia is a safer place than it was and a "free and fair" election later this month remains a tion later this month remains a credible ambition.

Much of the credit for this must go to the tiny, British-led CMG who have painstakingly established an infrastructure without which the operation could not succeed. The skill and courage of the RAF and

Army Air Corps pilots, the diligence of the doctors, the in-

above all the patience, pragma-tism and common sense of sol-

quarters at a Salisbury girls' boarding school. But a still more pertinent question is—

literally, an explosive inci-dent. At Foxtroi area near Dzapasi in the East, soldiers make continuous three-hour round trips in a fleet of water bowsers to quench the thirst of 5,000 Zanla men and women in three gigantic camps. PF occasionally "escape" into the bush—sometimes to be disciplined by 20 lashes by their own officers on return. In a number of camps relations remain dangerously un-easy. But the peace, though fragile, remains in place.

been unquestioned.

At Kilo assembly area near

Brunapeg a group of Royal

Marines were recently held at

gunpoint for an hour by truc-

ulent Zanla members after,

In some cases a grudging mutual respect has developed. At Lima area at Madhlambudzi

of the Patriotic Front have Zealand soldiers stand to attention every night at 7 pm and solemnly salute as the Union Jack is lowered on its flagsraff near the banks of the muddy Tegwani river. Senior officers from a regular battalion of Mr Nkomo's Zimbabwe Poeple's Revolutionary Army (Ziora) frequently join them, standing shoulder to shoulder and saluting no less respectfully, in the brief African dusk:

Still it is the future which must worry General Acland. Ideally the CMG would like to withdraw, from the PF assembly areas anyway, after the last cross has been placed on the last ballot paper of February
29—three days before the
result is expected Armoured
four-ton trucks are already
being procured from the Rhodesians—who are being resupplied by South Africa—to facilitate a speedy dengature Rhoitate a speedy departure. Rho-

armed with ample ammunition. Their uncenable positions would probably be overrun and the soldiers perhaps taken hostage—which would only complicate the job of rhe Rho-desian security forces

On the other hand, the departure of the Commonwealth troops in advance of the formation of the new Zimbabwe Zimbabwe government—not expected until mid-March could leave a dangerous vacuum in the camps. At present the CMG feed, water their wounds literally metaphonically, and even enter-

camps after an unfavourable provide light and power in dar-time fivey would like and so result, the tiny CMG units kest Africa. (The films pro- far little has been done to could do little to prevent it—cured include documentaries answer the question—what the PF after all are fully on ballet and polo—"some happens then? thing they can easily under-stand" as an officer enigmat-

ically put it.) Who will carry on the good work when the CMG leave? Attempts are being made to introduce Rhodesian police officers to some of the more peaceable camps, rather as the Royal Ulster Constabulary are phased into the ghettoes of Northern Ireland. But in some areas the mutual dislike would mean that a small group of policemen would risk being quickly killed. And the British have been frustrated by the apparent reluctance of the Rhodesian authorities to

emerge with constructive ideas

desian Combined Operations radios, newspapers and even for the transfer of responsibil-officers sympathize with this films are now being dispatched ity. Less than a month remains view. If trouble erupted in the to the bush, with generators to if the CMG are to leave at the

would like to join the new Zimbabwe army after the election. So far there is little sign that the Rhodesian army as it is now constituted, will go out its way to accommodate them. Already it has 10 recruits clamouring for any single gap in the regular ranks. PF members would have to be judged on their merits. Just like anyone else, the army not unreasonably insists and the merics of many of them are

open to doubt. Others show a genuine in-terest in settling down within a civilize community, learning a craft and enjoying the benefits of social security. However, although a training programme is under discussion. Zimbabwe will need an infusion of job opportunities if these aspirations are to be fulfilled. One pre-requisite must be that they lay down their

arms.

In some camps the British play football against the PF, Yorkshire voices drifting reassuringly among the mopani trees ("Over to the wing Les, WING!") while the little black matchstick men skip among them in grubby plimsolls, their Russion AK-47 rifles temporarily disparded on the trutchlines ily discarded on the touchlines Few of the CMG troops complain, except about the mail, which arrives haphazardly by helicopters—spiralling into the isolated clearings, decanting pressmen with their bush shirts and Nikons.

Ruy favor British soldiers

shirts and Nikons.

But fewer British soldiers still, many of whom have recently returned from service in Northern Ireland, will be sorry when they leave. General Acland and his men are aware that they are involved in an important phase of African in the service of the service o important phase of African history, but equally aware that be brushed aside by an error of judgment later this month-

Henry Stanhope



diers administering the 14 assembly areas for both wings Major-General John Acland (centre) consults members of his staff in Salisbury : waiting for "D-Day".

Why government aid to the developing countries can be worse than useless

Who could possibly be against true national income, often aid to the less fortunate? Offi-cial British overseas aid is the annual transfer of some £790m of taxpayers' money to distant governments and to the official international agencies. To call these transfers aid, simultaneously disarms criticism, prejudges the results, and also obscures the realities and results of the policy. The case for it is taken for granted, largely because it is called aid. Even Professor Mazrui, who off-handedly that this same rapacious West should con-

tinue its subventions. The policy cannot contribute appreciably to its declared objectives, and is much more likely to obstruct them. The damage in the Third World is even more important than the cash cost various rationalizations for official aid are often heard, addressed to people who are thought not yet to be firm supporters. The most durable of these has been that aid is indispensable for Third World progress. This patronizes Third World people by saying that they crave for material progress, but, unlike the West, cannot achieve it without foreign alms. Yet large parts of the Third World progressed rapidly long before official aid. Indeed, external donations cannot accelerate significantly the growth of the national income. Countries where government or business can use capital productively can borrow abroad. The maximum contribution to growth is the avoided cost of borrowing, as percentage of the national income. This is very small, even insignificant, in the

case of large countries to which goes most aid.

Thus external aid to India is officially put at about 3 percent of national income. This percentage is a large overstate-ment because the national in-come statistics of these counment because the national inthat betterment depends not on sive brand new capitals, witcome statistics of these countries much underestimate the self to the trough. This reinFurther, aid recipients spend

a factor of three or more. But even if aid is as much as 3 per and the cost of capital put as high as 15 per cent, the avoided cost of borrowing, the upper limit of aid's contribution to development, is less than one half a per cent of the national income

This is so even if aid is a free and untied gift, and if the recipient government uses the capital productively. Aid is unused so much of his recent likely to be so used, obviously Reith Lectures to denounce so when the declared purpose is an objective other than development, but even when it is given for that purpose, because its expenditure is not geared to market conditions.

Unlike manna from heaven. aid sets up many extremely damaging repercussions. And because it is concentrated on governments, these reper-cussions are set up by sums which, while small relative to the national income, are nevertheless large in relation to government revenues, or export earnings. By increasing the money and parronage of the recipient governments, aid promotes the disastrous politiciza-tion of life in the Third World and intensifies the struggle for power. This increases conflict, especially in the multi-racial societies of most Third World countries. It diverts energy and attention from productive activity to the political arena, because people's livelihood, and often even their economic or physical survival, come to depend on political and administrative decisions.

Further, aid in various other ways also promotes state controlled economies, which again leads to politicization, restricts external contacts and domestic mobility, retards the spread of new ideas and methods, and in-hibits development in all sorts

of other ways also.
Aid encourages the belief

Aid encourages the belief that betterment depends not on self help, but on helping oneself to the trough

World attitudes that a person's fortunes depend on outside sources, rather than on himself. External aid also biases development strategy and methods of production towards unsuitable outside models, such as universites whose grad-ustes remain unemployed or "national" airlines operated by foreigners in countries, most whose citizens never travel. Such adverse repercussions on the basic determinants of pro-gress are likely far to outweigh the marginal benefit of the lower cost of investible funds.
Relief of poverty is now a
much canvassed purpose of
aid, and one which most influences the genuinely compassionate. But Official aid has nothing to do with this. Official aid does not go to poor people, to the children with distended bellies, or to the skeletal figures so prominent in aid propaganda, but to their governments. It makes to rulers governments. It goes to rulers whose position it strengthens and whose policies so often aggravate the lot of the poorest. These policies, notably the official spending pro-grammes, are governed by the political interests of the rulers. The position of the poorest is low among their priorities, much lower than prestige pro-jects, such as grossly wasteful

widely prevalent Third heavily on weapons directed against their own subjects or against other aid recipients (India, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, Ghana, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda). There are also other major anomalies here. Thus on the criterion of poverty a government qualifies for more aid if it restricts the opportunities of its most productive subjects or even forces them to leave as has happened in Burma, Indonesia, Vietnam, Ghana, Kenya, Uganda, Zaire and elsewhere. To subsidize governments on the grounds of the poverty of their subjects imposes no constraint on poli-cies of impoverishment—one of the many untoward results of confusing the government with the population.

Such anomalies cannot be circumvented by giving official aid directly to the poorest. Except for disaster relief, this except for disaster reflef, this would be opposed and sabotaged by the recipient government. It also encounters other formidable problems, including the pauperization of the recipients, which could be avoided only by direct interference with local mores and conduct, unacceptable both to the people and to the government. and to the government. The effective way to relieve poverty and distress in the Third World is through voluntary, non-politicized charities. As has been shown for interest, the best shown for interest. stance by the Swiss, these agencies can raise vast sums,

especially if it is understood

relief of need belongs to voluntary organizations, not to Another rationalization

that aid helps us, the countries which give aid, because it promotes exports and thus provides employment for our citizens. This is like saying that it helps a shopkeeper to have his cash register burgled, if the burglar spends part of the proceeds in his shop. Aid is paid for by taxes, so that the payer has less to spend on other goods. Direct employ-ment subsidies would clarify the process, and also provide more employment for a given expenditure. The related sug-gestion that aid provides empl-oyment in the West by promotong long term development, ignores alternative uses of the funds, and also prejudges both the effects of end, and the spending patterns of the reci-pients.

It is also said that aid serves the political purpose of pre-venting the Third World from drifting sinto the Soviet orbit.
In fact, the large the growing volume of sid channeled through international organizations (in which the Soviet block often participates) is specifi-cally barred from staving such a political purpose. But it is ignored also in bilateral aid, as this is given regardless both of the conduct of the recipients, and of their political significance. Western, including British, aid has gone to Amin, and to the rulers of Vietnam, Kampuchea, Angola, and Mozamhique. Many aid reci-pients freely abuse and embar-

rass western donors. Overseas aid needs to be drastically rechought. Help to the poor and the distressed should be left to charities. De-velopment can be helped best by a reduction of western trade harriers. Some aid funds might be used to compensate some of those who would be harmed by their reduction.
This also is open to various objections, but if practicable, it

compared to ever increasing trade barriers coupled with communing or even increasing aid. Ideally, official aid should be terminated. But this is not now practical. This operation could, however, be much imreplace multilateral aid retain parliamentary control of tax-payers' money. Aid should be united cash grants to distinguish between subsidies to foreign governments and to British exporters, and also bewteen aid and investment. cation should be revised. It should go to governments genuinely interested in the welfare of their subjects and who promote it by effective administration, the performance of the essential tasks of government and the pursuit of liberal economic policies. This would reduce the effect of aid in politicizing life and would promote prosperity and reduce conflict. Liberal economic poli-cies would help also to reduce World and the West, besides exposing the fictitious concept of a uniform Third opposed to the West.

might be the lesser of the evils

The Third World was invented by the advocates of foreign aid. It is primarily a collection of countries whose governments demand and receive official donations from the West. What else is there in common between the people, say, of Bangladesh and Ecuador or of Nepal and Botswana? Reconsideration and reform of aid would thus help with a better understanding of the rich variety of two thirds of

Unless overseas aid, its methods of operation and crimethods of operation are reconsidered, aid will continue to pro-

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a painter in China

Patrick Procktor is about to become the first British painter of note, as far as I can discover, to make a working trip to China. He left on Sunday, and after a few days in Hongkong It's an ill wind. . . . The steel will be spending between six strike prevented Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC. and around Canton, Guilin (formerly spelt Kweilin, and notable for its dramatic backcloth of conical limestone mountains), Hangzhou, Suzhou, which has the best remaining Chinese-style gardens, Wuxi, Nanjing and Peking.

is 43. lives in Marylebone, 20d has exhibited regularly at the Redfern Gallery in Cork St, W1, has been three times to the Soviet Union. That was not to paint, but to earn some money while at the Kuya.

College of Art by interpreting for groups on trips: he had done the Army Russian course during national service. He has cases of the sins of the fathers visited on the sons, for groups on trips: he had those who believe that in self very fit by jogging near his done the Army Russian course general, and! bearing a few home in Haffield, Herts, or during national service. He has also travelled extensively in the self very fit by jogging near his self

Patrick Procktor: United States, India and the Mediterranean area.

He will have a guide in China,

but believes he will be able to move around as the spirit moves him. An exhibition of the results is planned for the autumn. Ten years ago, who would have believed such a trip possible?

from taking a two-week holiday in Madeira. The TUC general council, which was paying for it, decided there could be no more deserving replacement than Ken Thomas, leader of the Civil and Public Services Association Mr Thomas, who is 53, has been As it happens Procktor, who recovering from an operation 43 lives in Marylebone, and which enabled him to give a kidney to his son, Paul.

Steelman in

managements get the trade managements get the trade unions they deserve, may feel that the British Steel Corpora-tion has been rather lucky to be dealing with Bill Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation. Mr Sirs was one of the few trade union leaders I saw on a pro-EEC platform during the 1975 referendum campaign. Then, as now during the steel strike. I was impressed by his dignity—in the best sense of rhe word-and reasonableness.

After a brief spell as a burcher's boy, Mr Sirs went to work at a steel mill in his native Hardepool. He became a crane driver and, later, a JP. Almost inevitably, that particular mill has since been closed by BSC. In 1963 he became the union's divisional organizer in Middlesbrough, then in 1969 for North-west England and North Wales, an area embracing the axed Shotton works.

He took over as general secretary from Sir Dai Davies in 1975. At 60 he keeps him-

There is also a grown-up

daughter. It is typical of his openmindedness that he should have instituted an annual conference of members' delegates to help the confederation's executive council keep in touch with their views. Steelmen are proud of their skills and long traditions. They can, I would say, be proud of their leader.

Ambassadress

Canada's new high commissioner in London, Mrs Jean Wadds, is the first woman to hold this traditionally political appointment. Canada currently has four other female ambassadors : in Budapest, Copenhagen, Strasbourg and Wellington.

Mrs Wadds is a tall, friendly. soft-spoken lady of 59 years who likes walking, swimming and, where possible, skiing. She has a long background in Conservative politics. Her father Earle Rowe was Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. Her first husband



industries or extremely expensive brand new capitals, wit-

Mrs Wadds: right background. secretary for four years in 1971. She is divorced from her second husband Robert Wadds.

Latterly she had been a mem-ber of the Ontario Municipal Board, an administrative court which hears land claims. The job involved travelling three weeks out of four, and so was very independent, she said with a touch of nostalgia, when I visited the office where she must now regularly appear.

life-style, she was given a cross-country tour of Canada, talking miles.

highly", she said. It not only gave a feel of the shifts of mood and activity in the provinces, but put the names of prominent people in many walks of life at her fingertips. An idea to copy, money permitting?

Derelict areas

London's docklands. My eyes used to bounce lightly into the next column when I saw those words. Feeling guilty about my prejudiced ignorance, I happily accepted an invitation from a friend working for Tower Hamlets council to join a group of visiting French planners interested in the use of derelict ground

The first thing to do it to look at a map. This reveals that the docklands consist not, as I had vaguely imagined, of a sprawling whole, but a series of entities mainly tucked into oust now regularly appear. the bends of the Thames, Before this drastic change of covering in all some 5,500 ife-style, she was given a cross-acres and spaced out over six

GLC, and already in an advanced state of redevelopment. Magnificent re-vamped Ivory House. Historic boats in the marina. Design of new GLC flats, opened recently, much admired by the French: such housing in Paris tended to be très triste, they said.

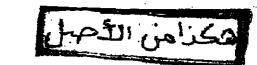
On eastwards to the nearby London Docks, closed in 1968 and bought by Tower Hamlets in 1976, and now being developed: Industry, offices, public housing, open space, recreational facilities. Here 30metre piles are being sunk to support the new headquarters of Mr Rupert Murdoch's News International Group. New recreation centre, including bizarrely an indoor bowls green, shaping up promisingly. Strange, isolated atmosphere in

Wapping area. What an area all those derelict acres presented, said the French. Paris had nothing like that. No danger of planners

starving here, they said wist-fully, clearly underestimating the British talent for missing

Roger Berthoud





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Michel Boyer looks at the world trade triangle

The Third World, where East meets West

eaders and Western businessnen have established commer-ial and financial ties which, n the absence of any question-ng of the economic model, save been made both more necessary and more vulnerable by the crisis. The former need he machines and technology which make the factories of he latter run. However, this apparent balance of mutual inerest has resulted in a trade deficit for the controlled-economy countries so that, hav-ing first increased their indebtedness, they have been beliged to buy less.

East-West cooperation has engendered a sort of complicity between the leaderships of the two camps but, if proof were needed, recent events have shown that it does not preclude international confrontations and conflicts, contrary to the beliefs of those who think that trade brings people together and makes for peace. Levinson, the interparional trade unionist, offered a racy critical appraisal of this type of cooperation in a book called Vodka-Cola which was a curious blend of detective

novel and economic analysis.

The Third World has also provided the scene for industrial cooperation, whether or nor described as "redeployment". While playing on their absence from this Western-Third World dialogue to place the blane for its failure on neocolonialism, the Eastern block countries have been involved in tripartite industrial operations" in which they and Western companies have built factories in developing counries. This type of cooperation las been analysed on the basis f 192 case studies in a report sublished by the Bureau d'inormations et de prévisions conomiques (BIPE) and the cole des haures études en ciences sociales called The ries in the international divi-

The Third World accounts for about 15 per cent of the exports and 11 per cent of the mports of the countries of Eastern Europe, but the latter have lost ground over recent years and account for less than per cent of the imports and per cent of the exports of the developing nations. Be-tween 1970 and 1975 East European imports from the Third World rose more rapidly than exports—a reversal of the

sion of labour.

The report points out that, in practice, tripartite industrial cooperation "does not seem to reflect the vicissitudes characterizing the fortunes of detente". This is for the two reasons that "the field of action is primarily microeconomic" and therefore below politics, and that "industrial redeployment is perceived as a necessity".

ceived as a necessity".

Ideological considerations have been relegated to the background. Appearances are kept up, but that is all. Unacceptable in ideological terms, East-West-Third World co-East-West-Third World co-operation is greeted by silence in the Soviet press, which maintains its traditional denun-ciation of Western exploitation of the Third World. It is the subject of no official comment subject of no official comment in Russia, although the situa-tion is different in other East-ern block countries—notably Poland and Hungary-which together account for more than half of the transactions of this type in which the Eastern block is involved.

Nevertheless, the Soviet Union, after a period of "mistrust tinged with embarrassment", has shown increasing interest in a formula now tested in the feld by its satellites.

Western engineers and East European firms have cooperated in the construction of industrial complexes in many countries, with the greater or lesser involvement of local companies, projects which hear no relation to political objectives. Logically enough the oil-producing counrao. Iran and Kuwait have been the site of a high proportion of these threesided exercises.

There have been a number of large capital projects (hydro-electric for instance) in Latin America, but there have been fairly few in Africa (in countries such as Nigeria, Cameroun and Guinea), since each side prefers to maintain its sphere of influence in that part of the world. In Asia this type of activity has been heavily concentrated on India.

trend recorded between 1965 and 1970. The controlledeconomy states, which use their surplus with the Third world to offset their deficit with the West, have accordingly endeavoured to resolve their difficulties by resorting to three-sided cooperation, an enlarged reproduction of EastWest industrial cooperation, the main development of which has been seen since 1965.

have made for an increasing volume of recycled petrodollars to finance a greater number of operations, they entail, on one hand, normalization of international relations and, on the correction of Eastever, although détente has allowed such projects to flourish, they do not necessarily help to promote détente.

Moreover, as the report

Moreover, as the report points out, both East and West are concerned to "maxiare concerned to "maximize their losses". The third corner of the triangle, the Third World, is "perceived as the customer rather than as a partner". This activity is essentially "both economic and political, in that it offers each side opportunities for extending its sphere of influence". Tripartite sphere of influence. Tripartite cooperation can be advantageous to each camp by giving it a footbold in the other's sphere of influence, a "politico-psychological lien" which does not even have to be advertised.

In fact it is the more pros perous countries of the Third World (those with raw materials and energy resources) in the Western sphere which actively seek three-cornered cooperation. Some have concluded, perhaps a little hastily, that it can only serve the purposes of Eastern serve the purposes of Eastern block expansionism.

Another feature of these transactions is their tendency to "demobilize" the country which is the third party in-volved. Eastern block undertak-ings which specialize in factory construction offer very low prices accompanied by excep-tionally soft financial terms amounting to a form of dump-ing which induces the developing connery to go for immediate returns rather than effective participation which becomes profitable only in the longer term.
This, then, is not real co-

in the third country, especially since the industrial complex that they build is more likely to produce for export markets than to make a positive contri-bution to the industrialization of the country concerned. Thus Eastern and Western imperialism are combining to acceptuate the dependence of the developing countries.

* The value of projects com-pleted by summer 1975 under entrated on India. tripartite cooperation agree-Rising hydrocarbon prices ments was \$35,000m.

North Sea oil has enabled Britain to combine a high inflation rate with a strong currency, to the detriment of British exports, says Sir Ian Gilmour, Lord Privy Seal and, in effect, deputy Foreign Secretary. Although he has

written two books on Conservative thinking, and was formerly editor of the weekly "Spectator" magazine, Sir Ian is exceptional among politicians in being a man of few words. He talks here to Roger Berthoud

Budgetary reform would absolve the scapegoat

Have you always been what could be called a good Euro-

Even the best Europeans in Britain are nowadays critical of certain aspects of the EEC. Do you see any advantages in this slightly depressing form of reduction of the gap between the pro and anti factions?

No. No institution is perfect, and there are obviously aspects of the EEC which it is right to of the EEC which it is right to be critical of. When we, as I hope, get our budget problems solved, I think you will find the beginnings of a new attitude. One tends to forget that at the referendum (of 1975, on EEC membership), two thirds of the membership), two thirds of the country voted for Europe.

Before last year's general election, the Conservative manifesto promised: "The next Conserva-tive government will restore Britain's influence by convincing our partners of our commitment to the Community's suc-cess." Do you think the Govern-ment has made much progress towards that end?

I think we have made progress. They do realize we are totally committed to the Com-munity, and dealings with us are more fruitful for the Com-munity, and for us, I think, than they were under our predecessors. But of course we have not been there very long yet, and the budget has taken up a lot of our effort.

What sort of a "leading and constructive role", to quote the manifesto again, would you like to see Britain playing in the EEC?

A leading and constructive role in political cooperation and also in restructuring the budget and making it a more regional thing; and dealing with the excesses of the Common Agricultural Policy.

You have written in your most recent book that patriotism need not exclude internationalism. But given the problems besetting Britain and the EEC, is there any hope of rekindling enthusiasm for the European

I think so. Only partly through faults of its own, Britain missed the greatest period of the Community during the 1960s. As a result, the period we have been in the Community has coincided with the period of world slump and inflation; and, largely, with an unsuccessful Labour government. Therefore people have tended to associate these things with Europe. So I think in the future, once we have begun to put our own house in order and to solve our budget problems, the European different hue.

You think the British tend to blame the EEC for their own Shortcomings? Yes.

There is a scapegoat element? Everyone has a scapegoat: than one, usually. The EEC is one. How closely-knit an EEC would you like to see?

I do not believe in working towards an institutional goal. I prefer to les institutions evolve. think the EEC is something unique, sui generis. Therefore I do not believe we should think either in federalist or confederalist terms.

is the present confrontation between the super-powers over Afghanistan an example of the political benefits of Britain belonging to the Community?

Yes. What has happened in Afghanistan reinforces the need for Western unity, and Britain being in the Community is a necessary part of that unity. How have our partners viewed the British Government's

efforts, in which you were heavily involved, to guide Rhodesia to independence? I think they regard them favourably, and are relieved at what has happened. The Commission has been particularly helpful over Rhodesia. As a result of their efforts, the Council of Ministers has agreed to a favourable trading regime with Rhodesia, giving it the privileges of being a dependent country. It will get free access for its tobacco, integral agreement and so on

dustrial products and so on. To come to the negative side : are we any nearer to a solution to the problem of Britain's excessive bugetary contribu-

The Dublin Council pointed the way forward. On the contribution side £350m was suggested, though not finally agreed, and the Dublin communication animal and communications. muniqué enjoined the Commission to find ways of increasing Britain's grossly inadequate receipts from the Comminity. In other words, it is necessary for the Community to spend far more money in this country. What sort of a package are we looking for?

We are not looking for a package. We are just looking to solve the problem. The Prime Minister has said we are seek-ing a genuine compromise but ing a genuine compromise but do not have great room for тапоечусе. Given our good fortune in hav-ing North Sea oil, do not some

of our partners find our pleas of poverty unconvincing? North Sea oil is part of our gnp of course, but only amounted to 2 per cent of it last year, which is less than some countries' growth rate. So North Sea oil does not transcontinued on page III | form us into a rich country.

Do you see the European Parliament as Britain's ally in reforming the CAP and increasing other forms of expenditure? I do not know whether or not

our currency so artificially high, it hurts our exports very Do some of our partners think not see itself as that. We do we have been cashing in on not always expect to agree with it, or it with us. But I think it has some sensible ideas, cer-I think there was some misbut

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splendid beaches,

apprehension about this, but less so now. North Sea oil bas But the British Government to be sold at market prices. If seems to have a distinctly equivocal attitude to some of it is not, somebody else is going to sell it at market prices. In the Parliament's suggestions for improving the balance of spendother words, some dealer is going to make a great deal of money out of it. We do feel drawn both ways,

With the CAP's surpluses at the heart of the budget prob-lem, why has the British Govbecause we share the European Parliament's ideas in substance, but equally we do not want a running constitutional dispute in the Community. ernment seemed to be so hostile to the Commission's attempts to reduce the surpluses, as in the dairy and sugar sectors? It would presumably be seen

as a positive step if Britain joined the European Monetary System. What are the chief We have not been hostile to their attempts. It is just that we do not believe some of the obstacles to such a move? methods they proposed to be well suited to the problem. In-We take part in everything to do with the EMS except the deed the dairy levy, as originally proposed anyway, would have damaged Britain

very badly. Do we, like Mr Heath's Govern-ment in 1973, favour a larger regional development fund as a corrective ?

It does in one way, by stopping us having to import so much oil. But by forcing us to have

the Opec price rises?

currency so artificially

Yes. We favour, in the re-structuring of the budget, a larger regional fund and smaller funds elsewhere.

Take from CAP and give unto regional, so to speak?

Are we looking for a new type of Community policy, one which benefits Britain exclusively? That is one way of doing it.

spend funds everywhere, you are going to run right through the 1 per cent (of VAT) limit. If the problem is lack of receipts in Britain—which it is you can deal with it only by increasing receipts in Britain. Isn't that non-communautaire?

No. hecause the money should be spent on communautaire

Is it not really our fault that we import too much and export too If you say we import too

If you say we import too much in general and export too little, yes. It's the result of our economy being in decline. We have not produced enough, and have been buying too much. But it's not true vis-a-vis the Community. There has in fact been a considerable change in the last pattern of our trade in the last 10 years or so. Imports from the Community have gone up from 26.1 per cent to 38 per So there has been a considerable reorientation of trade.

Largely agriculture, is it not?

A lot of it is agriculture, yes. Our main budgetary problem, though, does not stem from that. It stems from getting less chan half of the Community's average receipts per head. That is nothing to do with reorientation of trade, it is merely to do with the CAP and



of having removed all exchange It could happen if we did not controls. More important, we take steps to adapt our indus are still not clear what the tries. But I trust Europe effects are of being a petronot allow that to happen. tries. But I trust Europe will But there is a tendency that way already, is there not: in

It is to some extent happen-

in relation to the EEC.

ing in the United States as well.

Do you think some of our prob

and indeed our economic prob-lems generally, stem from the

what wav? steel, for example? In spite of a high inflation rate, your currency may go up in value mainly because you happen to own oil.

How do you view the prospect of Greece joining the Community next year? Very favourably. I proposed be second reading of the Bill

of ratification. But there are some potential snags, are there not: for example, the number of linguis-

tic staff in the Community institutions will increase still further, will it not? I think the political gains ill outweigh the disadvan-

tages. Do you share Mr Roy Jenkins's can be overdone. It is not necesfear that Europe may be sarily a tremendous advantage squeezed between the indus- to have everything destroyed.

era when our trade was geared to the safe markets of the Com-Part of our general economic problem is that we have been in industrial decline for some

And partly because we had the industrial revolution first, and

our industries were thoroughly destroyed in the last war than some of our compe-

I always feel that argument tries of the emerging develop I think there hing countries, like Korea, and failure of will. I think there has been a slight

Debts mount as growth continues

We enter the decade of the 1980s with a world dominated by inflation psychology. Inflation continues to be the major concern of most monetary authorities and is considered to constitute the most serious threat to the citizens of individual communities. In Britain inflation is believed to be heading for a 20 per cent peak advanced to the constitute of some solutions of individual communities. In Britain inflation is believed to be heading for a 20 per cent peak advanced to the constitute of the during the first half of 1980. In Italy and France inflation rates are 17 per cent and 11½ per cent peak in interest rates and no country in any part of the globe can yet afford. respectively.

While only the United King-dom, Italy and France are struggling with double-figure inflation, lead economic indicators in other major economies clearly suggest that others will soon be joining the struggle as 1980 progresses against a background of rising oil prices and monetary growth targets that are being exceeded in one country after the other.

Since the depression of the 1930s there has been a phenomenal rise in the global debt structure while, over the past two years, that rise in the debt structure has spilled over into consumer areas. The rate of increase in debt has outstripped production by enormous margins while consumer debt is now growing at levels which far exceed income growth throughout the European com-

It would be totally unrealistic to expect such heavy consump-tion of debt, both on an international basis and in the domestic consumer areas, to continue for much longer. It would also be foothardy to believe that interrelated government policies are suddenly going to emerge that will pull the world economy out of its self-feeding malaise. Today's global imbalances have resulted from several decades of excessive and unwise actions. Further interference from any central government will only hinder the necessary free market correc-

Most economic advisers have come to the conclusion that, in order to curb inflation, monetary growth must be restrained. Conventional wisdom classical monetary theory indicate that the way to exercise monetary restraint is through the interest rate mechanism.
As a result, inflationary madness in Europe and elsewhere has led to a competitive war of interest rates. Most notable was the 3 per cent rise in the was the 3 per cent rise in the United Kingdom minimum lending rate while the Central Bank discount rates were also raised in Norway and Sweden at the end of the year. While interest rates in the United States, France and Germany appeared to be stabilizing,

appeared to be stabilizing, interest rates in other areas were trending distinctly higher. Yet, in spite of record interest rates and the extensive use of the interest rate mechanism, money supply in most of the major economies continued above established targets and appeared to be financing inflaappeared to be imancing infla-tion rather than serving to cure it. In Britain the monetary aggregates were clearly out of control. Although there was a slight improvement in the November banking figures, the October figures were nothing short of disastrous. The annualized growth of sterling M3 stood at 24 per cent while the growth in bank lending to

the private sector had reached

the excessively high figure of

Elsewhere, monetary growth was more restrained but led to revert to easy money policies without bringing on a severe decline in the external value of its currency.

Adding to the difficulties are rising oil prices. Non-oil export-ing OECD countries will be among the worst affected by a global recession but far more serious will be the effects on non-oil lesser developed countries. In 1979 current account deficits of the non-oil lesser developed countries will exceed \$45,000m. Recent Opec price rises threaten to push that deficit above \$60,000m in

While IMF funding is available to these countries, a condi-tion of such funding is fre-quently currency devaluation. This has never been considered a wholly satisfactory means for correcting lesser developed countries' current account deficit. It is difficult for export and import volumes to respond effectively to devaluation.

The net result of devaluation tends to be a higher level of inflation without the requisite improvement in the balance of payments. Lesser developed countries can therefore be expected to avoid IMF funding wherever possible, which will mean increasing pressure on Eurocurrency markets which are already showing severe strains and illiquidity.

Furthermore, as a result of the crisis between the United States and Iran, the threat of a global banking crisis is more of

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With the oil price increases beginning to bite, attention to once again focused on balance of payments positions. In the four Europa countries visible trade balances have been

This has been going on for nearly a year in West Germany and since last May in France. It is a more recent phenomenon in the case of Italy, which suf-fered a record deficit in Novem-ber. Britain is also threatened, although the statistics are dis-torted by the effects of strikes.

The countries with strong economies, West Germany and Japan, which have been producing exceptional surpluses to the irritation of their trading partners, are now much less well placed. West Germany's visible trade surplus has been eroded considerably, to only DM21,700m for the first 11 months of 1979, against DM37,400m in 1978.

But a much more significant figure, which is unfortunately published less frequently, is the current account balance of pay-ments, which includes not only the visible imports and exports recorded by customs statistics, but also invisibles (services and so on), which are an increas-

cit recorded so far for 1979 is almost DM9,000m and, according to Herr Karl Otto Pöhl, the new Governor of the Bundesbank, it is likely to amount to DM12,000m for the full year, he first such result since 1960.

What accounts for this reverse? Herr Pohl attributes it to the rising cost of oil imports, which exceeded DM50,000m in 1979. Oil has indeed been a fac tor here as elsewhere. West Germany is less dependent on imports of energy supplies than France, and still less than Italy and Japan, but the effect of rising oil prices has been so rising oil prices use user suggest because there was no repetition of the pattern in 1978 when the rising exchange value of the Deutsche mark helped to offset higher oil costs.

In 1979 activity in West Germany was appreciably more buoyant than in the other industrialized countries, as is borne out by the most recent official statistics showing a 4.4 per cent growth in gnp (com-pared with 3.7 per cent in France and 2.3 per cent in the United States) which caused imports to rise more rapidly than The second factor was the growth rate for 1979-80 which, at 6 per cent, was the highest in the industrialized world and

has been even sharper. The trade balance is heavily in boosted imports. Finally, just before the announcements of

pressure from its trading partners (who were irritated by its recurring surpluses) by agreeing to adopt a wide range of measures (such as imports of strategic materials) which are

Paradoxically, the less strong economies and even those rated among the weak have fared relatively well in absorbing the impact of the oil price rises. The case of France is particularly interesting to analyse. Despite an increase in energy expenditure from 62,000m expenditure from 62,000m francs in 1978 to 83,000m francs in 1979, that country has managed to keep its deficit down to 10,000m francs in 1979. It achieved this by dint of a of the Bank of Japan, it is likely to get worse during 1980. As for the current account belance of payments, it shows a \$9,000m deficit for the first notable 20 per cent increase in exports, a performance which placed it just ahead of Japan. as the world's third largest

> The November and December results came as a pleasant sur-prise, even to M Jean-Françoise Deniau, the Minister for Foreign Trade. In contrast to West Germany, France had a balance of payments surplus of some 10,000m francs in 1979 which it owed to its invisible earnings (large construction projects, engineering and so forth). This strengthened the franc and consequently blurged franc and consequently blunted some of the effect of the oil price rises. Matters were admittodly made easier by a slower growth rate than West Gerbut this does not detract from the merits of such

Italy too managed to sustain formances through most of 1979 and, moreover, these were rather surprisingly combined with a high level of activity reflected by an increase of about 4.5 per cent in gnp. The best results were obtained on

a return to the virtuous circle.

DIVERGENCE FROM AVERAGE oil price rises, Japan vielded to now adding their effects.

> Prices: The average inflation rate for the four Europa counttries has registered a further fall, from 12.5 per cent to 12.1 per cent. The main credit for improvement goes to Britain, whose rate has come down to 13 per cent. There has been no change in France (12 per no change in France (12 per cent) or Italy (20 per cent), but West Germany has suffered a sharp increase from 3 per cent to 4.5 per cent. These rates are calculated on the basis of the past three months. The year-on-year figures are 5.7 per cent for West Germany (or 5.4 per cent using the new index). 11.8 per using the new index), 11.8 per cent for France, 17.3 per cent for Britain and 19.8 per cent for Italy.

payments which, with the contribution of tourism, will probably show a surplus of 12,000m lire for the year. The lira's exchange rate against the dollar remained stable for many

Unfortunately Italy has not shared France's success in sustaining its return to the virtuous circle. It has been blown off course by the new round of oil price rises, to which it is particularly vulnerable, being so dependent on imports. The hira is now more fragile and the hra is now more fragile and the economy is under threat, as wit-fall to the excessive British con-

FOREIGN TRADE

Foreign trade: Cover of imports by exports (calculated fob/cif and seasonally adjusted) improved slightly in France from 93 to 94 per cent and Britain (from 94 per cent to 95 per cent) between wember and December, and in West Germany (from 104 per cent to 106 per cent from October to November). Italy, on the other hand, suffered a sharp 6.35 per cent and by a smaller margin in Britain from 5.25 per cent to 5.3 per cent. Italy achieved a marked improvement between the third quarter (8.3 per cent) and the fourth (7.6 per cent). fall from 99 per cent to 82 per cent, with a record deficit of 1.500,000m lire in November.

ness the results for Novembe when there were deficits of 415,000m lire and 1,500,000m lire respectively on the current account and the trade balance. Britain, for all its increasing

oil output and the prospect of self-sufficiency in 1980, has not seen an improvement in its external position. Between 1978 and 1979 its trade deficit fell from £3,490m to £3,230m, but its current account balance of payments deteriorated from a payments deteriorated from a surplus of £710m to a deficit of £2,420m. This disappointing development is largely attributable to invisibles, whose contribution was running at more than £100m a month in 1978, but has fallen by half or more. The authorities ascribe this

vember and December seasonally adjusted unemployment ex-. pressed as a proportion of the working population fell further in West Germany from 3.6 per cent to 3.55 per cent, but rose appreciably once again in France from 6.25 per cent to

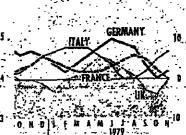
UNEMPLOYMENT

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tribution to the EEC and payments to the foreign companies involved in North Sea oil

More recently the trade balance has suffered from a decline in exports under the combined effects of strikes and the erosion of British products' competitiveness by rampant in-flation coupled with a sharp rise in the exchange rate of sterling. British employers are worried and their concern is reflected in the distinctly pro-tectionist appeal which they recently addressed to the EEC.

In 1979 European countries, to maintain their external positions. Their task promises to be much more difficult in 1980, INDUSTRIAL GROWTH



Growth rates : Between October and November the industrial France (nil), recovered slightly in West Germany (2 per cent) and accelerated in Italy (7 per cent). In Britain it has re-covered after the decline of previous months.

not only because of the higher cost of oil resulting from the increases announced before and after the Opec meeting in Caracas, but also in view of the likelihood of new offensives launched by countries seeking to reduce their deficits.

Already the United States, whose products have been given renewed compenitiveness by the undervaluation of the tion and has announced its first current account balance of payments surplus in three years—
almost \$1,000m for the third
quarter of 1979.

Japan for its part, aided by
the weakness of the yen, will
undoubtedly launch a new ex-

hard struggle, particularly in view of the difficulties already being experienced over the re-cycling of petrodollars and their

Maurice Bommensath

Unemployment and moonlighting

in November, and according to

11 months of 1979, against a

Here again, higher oil prices naturally get the blame, although Japan has succeeded

in reducing its heavy depen-

dence on energy imports, as was pointed out in a recent report by the Japanese Ministry of Industry and International

Trade. But other factors have undoubtedly contributed to this decline, as in the case of West

The first of these is the sharp

fall in the exchange value of the yen, which has lost over 30 per cent against the dollar,

causing a proportionate rise in the cost of oil imports. The oil

account has been further in-

creased by unofficial buying on the part of Japanese companies, said to be the biggest specu-lators on the free markets in

Rotterdam and elsewhere.

\$15,000m surplus in 1978.

Two in three pessimistic about work



and 60. These are high figures. Circumstances and attitudes to unemployment vary from one country to another. Although two Europeans in three were pessimistic about employment in their region, their views varied widely depending on where they lived. Morale was generally good in West Ger-many, fair in Denmark and The Netherlands, poor in Italy and very poor in France. These differences can be accounted for not only by economic but also by political and social considerations which differ from country to country.

one person in 10 between 34

It is estimated that 26 million people in the Community have had experience of unemployment or unsuccessful job-hunting over the past three years. Of these, about 40 per cent remained in this predicament for a year or more. The pro-portion is particularly high in Britain, the Republic of Ire-land, Italy and France. Today, out of every 10, four have found employment two have given up and stopped looking (three quarters of these are women, of whom a third are breadwinners), and the remaining four are still seeking employment.

There is widespread criticism of unemployment benefits on the ground that they encourage people not to work. Mme Riffault has tried to clarify this in her survey. Two thirds of the Europeans interviewed said they knew or had heard of people who were registered as unemployed but made no serious effort to get a job. Conversely, however, half of the same people said they knew or had heard of people who were not registered as unemployed, but who would be keen to work if they could find a job.

The country where the view that there were abuses on one side or the other was expressed most frequently in The Netherlands, followed by Italy. In none of the countries, however, was there any great difference between the opinions of those public purse. Analysis of the who had never experienced employment difficulties and those sand they had been without

* Unemployment and job-seeking: European public opinion and attitudes. Results and analysis of a survey carried out in the countries of European Communities. Commission of the European Communities.
Study 78-31. The European Community. Judging from the experience of the public as reflected in this survey, informal

Fig. San Albanda



Germany; job availability as overtime, and moonlighting often does not measure up to their aspirations.

More than a third of the people who had gone through a period of unemployment or unsuccessful job-hunting during the past three years said they had never registered and half said they had never received any unemployment benefit or other financial aid from the work for a year or more shows that a smaller proportion of them than of the others who had been unemployed actually registered, and that they received less benefit.

Until now there have been no statistical data on the extent of practices such as moonlightis not uncommon.

Opinion is divided on these practices. It is broadly in favour of overtime, distinctly hostile to moonlighting, and al-most equally divided on infor-mal work. Those with experience of unemployment are no more hostile than others to either moonlighting or infor-mal work, but they are much more firmly opposed to over-time. Italy is the country where these practices are most widespread, although most workers were hostile to them.

In Ireland and Britain, which follow immediately behind Italy on this score, opinion is strongly in favour of overtime and less hostile than elsewhere to moonlighting. West Germany is strongly in favour of informal work and it is the country where moonlighting is least common. France is apparently the country where these three formulas are least widespread; opinion there is decidedly bostile to monnlighting, broadly

against informal work and in favour of overtime. It is wilely agreed that it is bad advice to recommend the unemployed ro seek informal work or to com-promise on the type of job they hope to find and that it is better to encourage them to learn a new trade and moderate

Women and young people are worst affected by unem-ployment. Discrimination by employers against women most marked in West Germany, Italy and Denmark. The main reason quoted in Italy, West Germany and Luxembourg was the decline of industries employing a high proportion of women, whereas in Britain, The Netherlands and France it was their lack of training. In Belgium, by far the most common explanation was that many women considered themselves better off drawing benefit than

Regarding youth unemployment, one reason predominates: preference for employees

already have experience. But the failure of available employ-ment to measure up to the aspirations of young job-seekers is another widespread diffi-culty, especially in West Ger-many. In Italy, France and Denmark employers' reluctance to create new jobs is an important factor. In Britain some of the blame is attributed to the lack of vocational training both for the young and for women.

The worst things for some one unable to find work are the lack of income, the loss of selfconfidence and the prospect of family difficulties. Fear of social opprobrium is extremely rare. The possibility of being ill-judged by friends and acquaintances counts for little. As Mme Riffault writes: "It would be interesting to have access to answers to the same question asked 10, 25 or 50 years ago to be able to measure the development in attitudes on this

Jacqueline Grapin

A look at commercial organizations

How help is given to keep foreign trade flowing

The total value of the foreign trade of the four leading powers in the European Community—West Germany, France, Britain and Italy—now exceeds \$600,000m a year.

This figure covers at least a quarter of all world trade and, where exports alone are concerned, corresponds on average to about 22 per cent of each country's gross domestic product, from 16 per cent—the lowest figure in the case of lowest figure—in the case of France, to the top figure of 23 per cent in the case of Italy (OECD figures for 1978). Yet only two of these four countries, France and Italy, have a Ministry for Foreign Trade. In Britain there is a single

Department of Trade, which has a number of "mixed" has a number of "mixed" departments, and a British Overseas Trade Board. In Germany, foreign trade is the responsibility of the Ministry for the Economy, although its foreign trade amounts to more than \$200,000m a year. This makes West Germany second in the world after the United

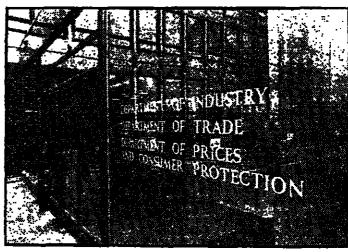
This snobbery where foreign trade is concerned is obviously more apparent than real, but it still indicates a certain detachment, which is reflected also in the supporting bodies that assist, or could assist, the pub-lic administration in running and promoting foreign trade. In fact, only France and Italy have a public or at least a semi-official organization to ssist the Government in keeping foreign trade flowing.
In Britain, the organizations

mentioned concern themselves

with export credits and guarantees, market research, and arrangements for British firms to take part in trade fairs and exhibitions abroad. There are also about 15 regional offices which keep in touch with local firms which are interested in exporting. In the various ministries, from the Ministry of Agriculture to the Ministry of Health, there are offices with a special interest in exports in their own sectors. The bilateral, or mixed, chambers of commerce--Angloltahan and so on-are also involved. The overall organization works well enough, and the embassies have their commercial councillors, but there is no special institute for foreign trade. The famous words that once were heard in Lloyd's of London—and perhaps could even be heard today—come to mind: "Fog in the Channel the Continent is cut off." in West Germany foreign

trade is based, in practice, on the bilateral chambers of commerce, of which there are about 40, distributed over 36 countries. There are 14 of these in Latin America, 12 in Europe, five in North America, five in Asia, three in Africa, and one in Australia. These are for all intents and purposes private associations, as regards both their budget and the way they are run, but the Government can intervene, as in fact it does, to finance initiatives of special importance. It is a very active network,

since three quarters of Ger-man foreign trade and more than 90 per cent of invest-



there is no bileteral chamber of commerce, there is nothing of any commercial interest to In France, there is the

Centre Français du Commerce Extérieur, which acts as a connecting link between the public administration on the one hand, and exporters on the other. The main link is with the Ministry for Foreign Trade, at political level, and the Department for Foreign Economic Relations—which is part of the Ministry for the Economy at operational level. The commercial councillors, who form part of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, if they are located abroad, or the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, if they are in France, form another solid link with the public administration.

The centre, in fact, has no offices abroad, but has its own representatives who work in the commercial offices in the embassies. Finally, the centre liaises closely with the depact-mental staff of the various ministries, for example the Ministry of Agriculture which, also through the ambassadors, provide and receive commer-cial information and organize

initiatives.
On behalf of exporting firms, the French centre is in direct contact with the various firms and business organiza-tions concerned, including tions concerned, including joint chambers of commerce. There are seven regional representatives of the centre for this purpose, working by groups of regions, and contacting the sectoral and professional trade associations. This system is based on the American model recently introduced by President Carter, who organized special commercial offices directly responsible to the Ministry of Foreign Trade.

The responsibilities of the French centre are clearly defined, and shared between four departments: information, the promotion and oversight of fairs and exhibitions abroad, geographical and sectoral relations, and exports of agricul-tural products. In addition, the centre looks after arrange-ments for export credits credits organizes the conclusion of commercial agreements between France and other countries, and negotiates the large turnkey contracts which are of

special economic importance. ments in both directions, are

The Italian Institute for carried out with countries
where these chambers of comofficial body formed during the last war, almost exclusively

might, therefore, be: "Where to exercise quality and health control over exports. Over the past 30 years the institute's responsibilities have been extended to include the promotion of foreign sales of industrial products, which today represent 90 per cent in value of Italian exports.

The three different sections within ICE, which are approximately of equal size in terms of staff-about 600 in eachare the head office in Rome, branch throughout Italy, with some 40 offices, and the foreign organization, with 62 offices in about 50 countries. Its responsibilities are wide, but the new ICE management, which has been in charge for about two years, has concentrated its efforts in four directions, over and above agricultural control. These are, respectively, technical and commercial information, especially for smaller firms; the training of young people for jobs in firms which are exportoriented assistance abroad with market research on behalf of Italian exporters; and the promotion of Italian sales

The reorganization of the ICE over the past two years mainly concerns sales promot tion. The defensive policy of allocating funds in proportion to Italy's market share in the different countries, has been replaced by an offensive policy aimed at capturing tomorrow's that small and medium-sized firms are unable to do. At the same time, ICE has been relieved of its insurance responsibilities, which have been transferred to the new export. credits and guarantees com-pany SACE (Società Assicurazione Crediti all'Esportazione) which bases its financial opera tions on Mediocedito, the cen tral Italian medium-term credit

iostitute. ICE and SACE together are the two operational arms of the Italian Ministry for Foreign Trade, which has a supervisory role and is represerked on the two boards of directors. The system seems to function, within the somewhat narrow limits of semi-officialdom, with all the bureaucratic difficulties which that imp is in Italy. A change in style, such as the transformation of ICE into a business agency might give a new momentum to Italian exports, and this is a safety valve that Italy needs. more than anything else, if it

is not to suffocate. Mario Salvatorelli .

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Demonstrators outside the United States Embassy in Tehran display messages intended for American newspaper consumption.

Debts mount while growth continues

a reality than most are willing to consider. Supposedly, the Iranians are in debt to United States banks to the extent of \$6,000m. Assets that have been sequestered by the United States domestic and foreign branches are said to total; \$12.000m.

It is believed that Iran intends to default on the \$6,000m in loans while withdrawing the total \$12,000m and placing it in other currencies and in banks outside the United States. The net result will be a withdrawal of \$18,000m from the United States banking system which, without any doubt, would trigger a chain reaction among bankers with outstanding Iranian debts.

While banks in the United States, Germany and Switzerland have the greatest exposure to the \$6,000m in Iranian debts, who are ultimately well cover a far wider range. Most international banking syndicates have participated in Iranian loans with United States banks and it is doubtful if any lending banker will escape the consequences of a world banking crisis.

Clearly, many of the smaller banks will face a moratorium which will exert pressure on the larger banks. It must be remembered that the sums involved make the property banking crisis of 1974 in the United States and the United Kingdom resemble the debt position of a local fish merchant by comparison.

Adding to the threat of an international banking crisis is the widespread belief that the international banking system has been travelling along un-commercial paths merely to keep potential defaulters afloat: There has been a marked tendency to seek deposits from the rich oil-producing nations and then to recycle short-term deposits on a long-term basis to lesser developed countries for the purpose of rescheduling debt. Throughout history the formula for a banking crash has always been "borrowing short.

and lending long". In the United States, Japan and Europe, bankers are being told by their regulatory agen-cies that it would be dangerous

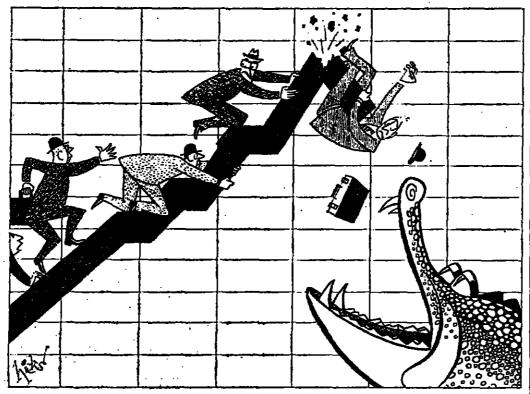
to the health of their financial systems to take on much more debt from the lesser developed countries. Recycling such debt is perceived as inherently dangerous yet, if roll-over credits are not extended, if debt is not rescheduled and refinanced, the international banking system will be threatened by a major default of one or more of its creditors, which could be even more, dangerous.

While the authorities pursue a policy of monetary restraint, designed at bringing inflation under control while being mesmerized by their individual consumer price indices, a far greater threat lurks in the background—the threat of deflation. While all attention is now focused upon inflation, it is only really an interim problem occupying the brief period of the 1970s. The real problems of the 1980s will be financial panic, recessions and eventually deflation. For nearly 40 years economic growth and the limelight. The day of the balance sheet is coming when over growth.

What most planners fail to recognize is that deflation has been a fer more permanent part of our economic system than inflation. As the history of prices since the time of St Thomas Aquinas clearly demonstrates, we have spent more time experiencing periods of falling prices than we have rising prices. Debt contraction has superseded debt expansion over the longer term. Defla-tion means high unemployment. bankruptcies, panics, depletion of capital, bank failures, and was held in dread fear for a longer period than inflation

But now fear of inflation supersedes fear of deflation and the lack of preparation for countering deflationary forces accounts for a considerable degree of the threat that is imposed. Deflationary factors are working through the system almost unrecognized.

There is no argument that taxation is deflationary. Most retail price indexes are dis-torted by taxation and therefore overstate the true rate of inflation. Mounting debt and potential debt liquidation are also deflationary, as is monetary restraint. If there is one thing that John Kenneth Galbraith



and Milton Friedman agree quality of bank earnings has experience severe deflation and upon, it is that oil price rises sharply deteriorated while depression during the 1980s it are deflationary. Mr Galbraith their equity to debt ratio has could well turn out to be the says it in the last chapter of his book on money. Milton Friedman says it on every possible occasion.

It has been estimated that oil price rises account for 25 to 50 per cent of total world inflation, a figure which was agreed upon before the recent oil price rises in December. Yet this concept it totally incorrect. Based on the most simplistic interpretation of the quantity of money theory, oil price rises involve the vast withdrawal of funds from global economies. These funds become non-productive and are not recycled. The result is less money in the world economy to buy a grad-ually increasing supply of goods, exerting in turn a down-ward force on the price struc-

Of course, if governments decide to print money for financing oil price rises and monetary growth is extended beyond the growth in oil prices, the result is deemed to be inflationary, since more money is created to buy the same amount of goods, exerting an upward pressure on the price structure. However, governments have discovered in recent years that the process of deficit financing has become self-defeating.

The net result of excessive monetary growth has been debasement of the currency with Opec merely countering the ten-dency with further oil price rises in order to compensate for the decline in the purchasing power of the currencies in which they accept payment for

Governments the world over have decided to bite the bullet", abandoning deficit financing, leaving the monetary system with a situation where oil rises actually act as a multiplier to negative monetary trends. In other words, we have less money chasing a fairly constant supply of goods and services, resulting from the transfer of wealth into uncirculated Opec deposits and exacerbated by the difference between the level of monetary growth and the rate of consumer price in-

Present trends are bringing the global system to a lack of liquidity where further increases in the debt structure will create bad debts and a deflationary explosion. After decades of living beyond their means, com-munities the world over are now highly illiquid.

The cost of servicing debt, both on a national and inter-national level, plus the need to retire outstanding debt, will place a serious burden on the ever seen in history, as is the entire world. People now find that growth in debt servicing has been climbing faster than incomes while the banks, too, have become illiquid. The constantly. If the world does

It is the illiquid state of the private sector in various econmic systems that has been primarily responsible for the economic sluggishness of recent years. Free market forces are now emerging to correct the excesses and what we are witnessing is a gradual transition from credit expansion to (voluntary and involuntary) credit CODIFACTION.

Thus far, the worldwide recession is in its early stages and the extent of contraction has been confined to prime business corporations around the world. It is expected that present trends will result in a broadening of the process during the coming year. In the months ahead govern-

ment borrowing and private borrowings are likely to contract. When total borrowings contract and a portion of current income is applied to repay previous debt obligations, demand falls below the supply of goods, a development that leads to price deflation. Because the private sector of the impor-tant world economies remains formidable, the deflationary pressures resulting from credit contraction will more than off-set the inflationary forces generated by the public sector. Thus, even if fiscal deficits continue to rise, we have reached a state where the impact on prices could still be totally nullified by only a small percentage in the level of outstanding debt.

Ouright credit contraction will become increasingly more win necome increasingly more pronounced as global recession-ary forces gain momentum dur-ing the coming year. Domestic consumers will be forced to consumers wan be forced to repay outstanding loans with reduced income in terms of purchasing power. Personal consumption will then be substantially reduced and bankruptcies in the private sector will proliferate. liferate.

Ordinary banks, beset by excessive bad debts, would have trouble surviving. But the experience of the 1930s is still fresh in the minds of the banking community and, as demonstrated by the bail-out of the banking community by central bankers during the mid-1970s, central bankers can be expected in come forth as the lenders red to come forth as the lenders of last resort, but only for as long as an international bank-ing crisis can be averted.

The possibility of global bankruptcy, deflation and depression seem more a matter of when than if. Deflationary forces which persist are far greater than anything we have colossal level of the global debt structure. Forces which could

biggest economic debacle in history-and an important trends that have characterized the human enterprise since the Second World War.

Economic forecasters who

base their assessments for the decade ahead using straightline projections on postwar trends, may find their forecasts going away. Many will argue that a depression on the scale of the 1930s and inherent deof the 1930s and inherent de-flation can never happen again. They will claim that the en-vironment today is totally dif-ferent from that of the 1930s and we have a regulatory mechanism provided by gov-ernments that would prevent the recurrence of a dely the recurrence of a debu liquidation on such a scale. The Keynesian economics and monetary measures of the monetary measures of the 1950s and 1960s are cited as evidence that recessionary forces can be controlled. This is a complete fallacy.

The environment of today, while much changed from the 1930s, is equally irrelevant to the environment of the 1950s and 1960s. During the 1930s the global economy was seemingly prayelling uncharted territory and international territory and international bankers were taken by surprise. Once again we are in a posi-tion which appears without precedent. There is strong indication that the mechanism designed to cope with moderate recessionary forces will be totally insufficient to cope with the deflationary potential in world economies at this

Serious depressions totally reliant upon the fact that very few prepare for them that very lew prepare for them or acknowledge the possibility. Governments, businesses and individuals should begin to consider how to prepare for the threat of massive deflation simply because the eventuality would clearly have enormous consequences. The importance of contingency planning would of contingency planning would appear only sensible. There are, of course, many individuals who believe that it we think their sensible who will be the sensible with the sensible will be the sensible with the sensible will be the sensible with the sensible will be about a depression we will bring it about:

Doubtless there are equal numbers who believe that de-fence planners may bring war by thinking about the possibi-lities. But planning and defensive measures will certainly not bring about a global depres-sion; instead planners may be able to calculate ways to miti-gate the effects if global forces become inexorable. It will be those governments and economic advisers who refuse to recognize the deflationary potential that will bring the worst havor upon those who have entrusted them with power.

> Robert C. Beckman Investors Bulletin

More take the Tito line away from Moscow

How does Yugoslav decentralized socialism work, with its worker councils and delegates system? Is it a new political model, or it is only an adaptation of classical Leninism of the Soviet kind?

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The answer to such ques-tions must be somewhat complex, for even many Yugoslav Communists—including top party leaders—often contradict themselves. What is certain however, is that the Yugoslav model is the historical outcome of the conflict between Belgrade and Moscow

When President Tito stood up to Moscow in 1948, and Yugoslavia was expelled from the Cominform (the association of Communist parties, under Soviet control, which was then in being), the political and economic system in Yugoslavia was still an almost exact copy of the Soviet model. President Tito was then at the head of what was to all intents and purposes a Stalinist state and of a Stalinist party which in its organization at least was on Stalinist Jines.

The Yugoslav Communists im-mediately proceeded, after the break with Moscow, to make a virtue out of necessity by seek-ing ideological justification for their sudden change of course. They fell back on the anti-centralistic, syndicalist and co-operative traditions of the working-class movement. It is no coincidence that Soviet criticism of the Tito line later made internationally common currency of the expression "Yugoslav revisionism". For President Tito—or rather his ideologically schooled linus ideologically schooled lieu-tenants Kardelj, Kidric, Bak-aric and Djilas—attempted to support every new policy de-velopment in the Socialist and Communist movement which had been blocked by Stalin and the organs of Soviet des-

So it was that they lighted on the magic formula of "worker councils", which were to take over factory administration from the central bureaucracy. The first law worker self-management was promulgated in 1950. This meant that for the first time in any Communist country industry was accorded certain prerogative rights at factory and trade organization level vis-a-vis the political machine. For the first time under any Communist regime industry was no longer totally dependent on the party authorities. These worker councils. which are now elected by the workforce and in turn are responsible for choosing the management and directors, had initially only limited responsi-bility. The Yugoslav system of

decentralized socialism still suffers from the contradictory situation of a Communist Party organized on hierarchical lines in addition to, and above, a freely motivated system of selfmanagement with a natural bias against hierarchical structures. The position is further complicated by the fact that Yugoslavia has not one Communist Party but six national Communist parties in each republic which for their part all need to try to pull together. The economic reforms brought in in 1965 greatly in

creased the responsibilities of the self-administering organiza-tions. Responsibility for production planning and investment decisions and, within certain limits, pricing policy was transferred from govern-This gave rise to a system which the Yugoslavs themselves call "social market economy", whereby central government reserves for itself only the right to draw up a skeleton economic plan. At the same time the polit-

ical leadership retained certain responsibilities for ancillary services, transport and com-munications, as well as for heavy industry. Up to 1974 the Yugoslav system of self-administration was primarily social and economic in character, but under the new 1974 Constitution and the legislative measures deriving from it regarding "work partner-ship" the concept of selfit regarding "work partner-ship" the concept of self-administration was incor-porated in the country's polit-

ical system.
"Chambers" are now in operation at different levels of government—local, republic and federal—comprising delegates elected by the factories and certain economic branches which are a form of economic group with the purpose of protecting their own specific interests.

The application of this legis-lation on decemnalized management has however, brought about certain difficulties in practice. Edvard Kardelj, who died last year, one of President Tito's most valiant resident into most the creator of the new system in Yugoslavia, and the visionary behind it. But he always refused, perhaps because of his Slovenian origin, to lose himself in decays and more result in decays and more result in decays. self in details, and to make things too complicated through over-systemization. To Kardelj's way of thinking, and according to official Yugoslav ideology, a Socialist society also contains pluralist, that is to say opposing, interests What socio-economic

ments, then are available to the workforce in the factories through which they enforce their legal rights? emorce their legal rights?

To be able to make full use of the statutory provisions on worker councils, the workers need not only a good deal of information but also a tradition of fighting for their rights.

rights.
This polarity causes a continual conflict of interests. The question of what will happen in the future remains unan swered: how can a meeting point be found, the system

being what it is, between the party organs and the interests of workers and management? In the long run will not either

the party undermine self-management or the system un-dermine the party? Yugoslavia has organized trade unions which are obliged by law to safeguard workers' rights; that is to say, against the actions of management and directors. In this respect Yugo-slav trade unions are different as regards the theoretical con-cept from those of the Eastern block. In practice, however, one has the impression that the party consciously limits the size of cerain trade union structures, in the fear that the party could come up against serious competition if trade union leaders were to fulfil their proper role.

Nor has the question of

ownership yer been fully clarified in Yugoslavia, either from the theoretical or practical viewpoint. According to the economic thinking in Belgrade, all businesses and factories belong to the community. The workers, who are engaged in a "work partnership" in an un-"work partnership" in an un-dertaking, are accorded by the community a share in the control and administration of the undertaking.

Equally the municipality or area authority in whose terri-

tory a work partnership under-taking is set up—and which provides the necessary land and basic services for it, as well as granting social benefits and tax advantages—is entitled to receive a share in the proceeds from operations. But in-fluential lenders, such as banks or similar institutions, are also involved. Because of manipulative role in finance they may assume a position of control over self-administering undertakings, something which theoretically is not provided for in the self-management sys-

belonging to these three elements, all of which are indis-pensable for the functioning of an enterprise. Numerous conflicts arise in consequence. But in Yugoslavia such conflicts are openly tolerated, and often publicly, since, unlike their Soviet opposite numbers, Yugo-Communists do believe in the idea of a conflict-free society.

the Yugoslav system of self-

management can be considered from two points of view: first its economic efficiency, then its political effect. On the economic aspect, Western specialists have heavily critspecialists have nearly criticized the many deficiencies in the system. But the Yugoslav system has so far proved itself as a political instrument.

Even sharp conflicts such as certain strikes (permitted in Yugoslavia in contrast to the position in all other Communist states) have not led to consequences which might endanger the continuance of the system. President Tito has so far had no occasion to set tanks on the workers, either his own or from abroad.

All the same, the complex system in Yugoslavia displays a number of weak points. Decen-tralization sometimes leads to vidual regions or enterprises. This is exemplified by the rarious supply problems that have occurred this winter. Belgrade, for instance, suddenly found there was no milk to be had, because the self-administering organization responsible for supplying it chose to export its produce to Greece in return for foreign exchange rather than sell it in the capital. Supplies of detergents were also held up because a firm in Slovenia (also selfadministering) had used all its foreign currency too soon and could no longer procure the necessary raw materials from abroad

Yugoslav admit that the country has been living beyond its means. Inflation and severe shrtages of raw materia's from abread are knocking holes in the system. The Yugoslavs have to cope with the crisis as best they can with a system based partly on a social and part'y on a market economy—ard one which in many respects contains the disadvantages of

But the present crisis you'd long as the Yugoslav lead r-ship does not slip bock in a centralist planning method, and so substitute for an and so substitute No clear demarcation yet has ment that may well be only been made of the rights temporary one that is perment that may well be on y manent.

One thing is, in any enant, incontestable; several Com-Chinese, Italian and Spanish have adonted some asserts f the Yugoslav system of seed. management in their party reagrammes. There is no don't that this Yugos'av mad', either witting'y or otherwise. represents a serious challenes The theory and practice of to the Moscow brand of Communist doctrine.

Carl Gustaf Ströhm

On the contrary

Menu for the

Begin with Afghan salami tactics, and blanch. Leave Olympic game hanging, but otherwise fritter, chicken out and rabbit on until in complete pickle. If short of oil, butter up and curry fayour with hard-boiled eggs à la russe. Let American upside-down cake simmer in hot water until of jelly-like consistency, then top with well-blown raspberries. Make hash of Yugoslav baby beef and fudge of Persian honey, being careful not to add too much ginger.

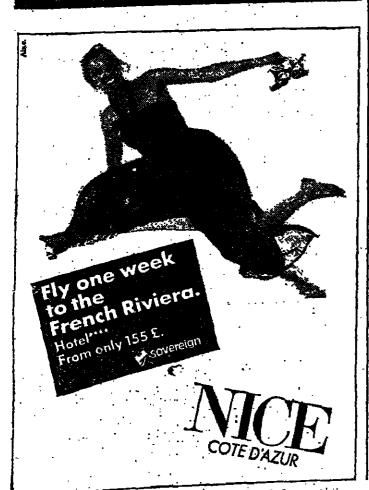
Meanwhile, prepare champignons à la grecque, Spanish omelette, and potage portugais; but hold back turkey, and duck.

Spend as much time as you can on assiette anglaise: chop finely, whip up as much as possible, then beat Brussels sprouts, sage and high liver together, and crab for 10 minutes. Add sweet-and-sour sauce to make savoury tarte a la crème.

For sweet, offer a choice of charlotte russe or chinese figs. Serve milk and water throughout the meal, and above all delay punch until after final bombe surprise.

PANGLOSS





John Ardagh finds that EEC habits still vary greatly

A tale of four cities

Personal spending and leisure may depend on dressing in the habits still vary greatly among right convention. "I must be Community European nations, despite modern consumer pressures towards uniformity. This is one of the conclusions of my research for a new book* on life in Europe today, based on lengthy visits to Stuttgart, Bologna, Toulouse

The variations depend as much on local tradition as on income levels. In a word, the wealthy but thrifty Swabians of Stungart out the accent on home comfort and savings; Toulousains and Geordies (in Newcastle) are each in their dif-ferent styles great hedonists, spending zestivily on passing joys; Bolognese base their pride on elegant outward display (bella figura).

A Geordie might be amazed at how much of his income the average Bolognese devotes to average Bolognese devotes to new clothes. A middle-class man will buy two or three suits a year and several pairs of shoes; a Geordie may keep his shoes till they wear out, and buys one suit a year at most. This is a matter of social values, more than the fact that Geor-dies have less spending money. "If I didn't dress well", a
Bolognese girl said, "I'd be an
outcast, I'd no longer be inwised to parties. People stare at
you horribly if you're outrageously or too informally dressed.
But when I was in Britain I saw
that no one minds." that no one minds."

In Bologna's streets, the ele-gance is striking—women in furs and jewels, men in care-fully-knotted selk ties. Even i bæmbini are decked out as family status-symbols; Bang Bang Baby bousique does a profatable trade in chic velvet

coats for six-year-olds.

In Newcastle, most older people look dowdy; only the young try to be trendy, but in the popular fashions of a year or two ago. "New styles carrh on a year later than, say, in Leeds or Manchester", one

bounique-owner said. Swabians, if with less flair and passion than the Bolognese, also indulge in expensive chothes in a heavier style; and

smart but not conspicuous said one resident; "the ideal here is to be decent". In Toulouse a more casual style is catching on, yet with its own conventions. For a party, on the Continent everyone knows what to expect and dresses in much the same way; in New-castle, scruffy old jerseys, Savile Row suits and flowery open shirts will be downing their brown ale or gins-androgether and worries.

Geordies I have "happy sing-song hedonists in a gastronomic desert". They care even less about food than clothes, and spend less of their income on it than in the other towns (the tiny handful of pass able restaurants are Indian and Italian). But they do know how to have fun, at modest cost. Despite pub closure at 11 pm, Newcastle has the liveliest night life of these towns—a merry fiesta of discos and bingo halls, amateur drama and music groups, beery sing-songs in pubs and working-men's clubs, and mock-medieval banquets. Add to this the English passion for hobbies, with scores of local meetings of whippet-racers, dahlia-growers brass-rubbers and the like. Geordies may lack and the like. Georgies may lausthe Latin graces, but they make up for it in exuberance—partly perhaps to compensate for the bleakness of their decaying industrial surroundings.

Sun-soaked southerly Tou-louse also bubbles at night, in a more open-air style. The big terrace-cates are still full at 1 am; bearded guitarists sing Occitan ballads in dim-lit caverns; and much serious eating is still done, despite the intrusion of hybrids such as "le Grill-Pub" and other fast-fooderies.

Pleasure-loving Toulousains spend their leisure time and money on food, sport, culture, travel. Like the rest of France, they have suddenly rediscovered a passion for music, especially classical; and tennis, swimming, even squash, find their place beside the hallowed local traditions of boules and le rugby. Many femilies own a secondary

Above: Bolognese girls, casual yet chic. Left: Newcastle man, cloth-capped and traditional.

rural home—twice as many as in Bologna, 10 to 15 times as many as in Stuttgart or Newcastle-and to these they speed off every weekend, or else to the sea or mountains. Even with petrol now at 3.30 francs a litre, motoring is still a major obses-sion with the restless Toulous-

The Bolognese are more as a crucial means of a sedentary (perhaps because they their status in society. are even more weighed down with rich food). This, the world capital of pasta, is Italy's only town that can claim to be the gastronomic peer of almost any in France: the plum Bologoese bestow nearly as much money, effort and passion on the subtle-ties of creamy tortellini and other local wonders as they do on their clothes, and long gos-sipy meals in homes or truttorie the main leisure activity. But cafés are strangely few and uninviting, and cultural life (save in the visual arts) is moribund compared with that of the

Stuttgart's famous motto is Schaffe, schaffe, Häusle baue (work, work and build your little house). Leisure is for being active and useful, not just relaxing and the principal pas-relaxing and the principal pas-time is doit-yourself home way and Romania, while pack-improvement. Housing and home décor, though not always in the finest taste, are notice-

ably more opulent and modern than in the other towns. Outdoor exercise has also be-come a cult, but the accent is less on team sports or recreation than on activities with a keep-fit rationale such as hiking or assault-courses in the woods: Swabians would never take to a near-static sport such as boules. Sport, like housework, is a tool for self-improvement, and so is culture: opera, con-certs and, of course, ballet are of high standard, and middleclass Swabians regard regular visits to these in formal clothes as almost a moral duty, as well as a crucial means of asserting

Moreover, the local puritan ethic decrees that fortunes are to be made but not seen, and the public display of wealth is in bad taste. One millionaire factory-owner kept his huge Mercedes in his garage at home, used it only for country pleasure motoring, and drove to his office in a little Volkswagen because he did not want to show off to his workers—most unlike the values of Munich or the state of the state Hamburg, and a fortiori Bologna. However, Swabians do have their less earnest side: the simpler ones sing and drink in beer halls and wine pubs. The towns' differences in

holiday habits are striking, and here the Swabians are the most adventurous: I met workers' families who had taken their groups as far as, say, Mexico or Style economy, it is not included Thailand. Like Swabians, many in this article.

Geordies, too, go on package holidays to southern beaches, mainly Spanish, where they tend to be put in cheaper hotels group keeps to itself. Geordies and Swabians spend two or three weeks on their summer holiday, Latins rather longer, maybe four or more.

Toulousains have no need to travel to find the sun, and many of them holiday in their own homeland of south-west France. in their country villas; but a growing and sizable minority, especially the young, go off in twos and threes to far parts of the globa. (Apart from the Chrb Méditerranée, the French have hardly discovered the package-tour.) It is the Bolog-nese who win first prize for unadventurous perochialism: usually they settle for the Adriatic resorts, 60 miles down the autostrada, where middle-class families go back year after year to the same villa or modest hotel, and often stay the full three months of the school break, with husbands coming down at weekends. Few think cheapish local holiday leaves all the more money to spare for those Gucci shoes and souffles of pasta with truffles.

*A Tale of Five Cities (Secker and Warburg, London, £8.95). The fifth city, Ljubljana, is added for contrast; as it is not in the European Community, and does not have a Western-

Trompe l'oeil

When the figures

Last summer many Swiss were reliable because of the increassomewhat overcome when the Swiss Banking Corporation placed Switzerland at the top of the list of countries with the highest gross national pro-duct. In 1978 the country's per

Politicians like to play around with gross national pro-ducts, but the margins of error are considerable. For the value of all the goods and services produced in any one year less the value of the goods used in their production—the present definition of national product—cannot be directly stated on the international plane. As a rule values are calculated on the basis of reports from institutions such as statistical offices or associations. And the unreliability of the survey methods they use is well known.

downs in the economy.

But when longer-term comparisons are made structural changes in the national economy affect the authenticity of the national product as an indicator of the economy as a whole. In principle only those transactions are recorded which are concluded through the market place; although this is the way in which most transactions are concluded in the industrial countries, there is still the need to make a good many assumptions, and the import of this changes as time goes on.

For example, work done by the housewife is not taken into account for calculation of the account for calculation of the national product, whereas a cook's wages are. So that if a man marries his cook he is decreasing the national product, while if more washing is sent to the laundry instead of being done at home the national product will rise.

Comparability over the Comparability over the longer term is also made less

ing part played by the state. Government services and benefits, for which there is no market price, can be accounted for

are equally problematical, although they arouse the live-liest public interest. People register the fact that last year West Germany fell back from fourth to fifth position, chang-ing places in the table with the United States, that France is in fourteenth and Britain in tenth place. Italy is now twenty-third on the list, just behind East Germany.

Comparisons of this sort can possibly supply a few pointers. But because, for purposes of comparison, national figures are converted into dollars fluctuations in exchange rates naturally have an important influence on the ranking So do

naturally have an important influence on the ranking. So do differential inflation rates, unless they are offset by exchange rate variations.

In Third World countries there is little basis for the collection of statistics. One cannot record the transactions in a bazaar. For agriculture, where cash is in many cases not an economic instrument, governeconomic instrument, government agencies are required to provide only rough estimates.

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A new series of articles on various misconceptions surrounding economic issues. Today Tans-Jürgen Mahnke looks at gross national product

the highest gross national pro-duct. In 1978 the country's per capita income went up by \$3,890 to \$13,853, yet the Swiss were hardly aware of it.

Suitable of various devices. The same applies to own consumption by enter-prises, or to home ownership.

International comparisons

Switzerland has a further massive revaluation of the Swiss franc to thank (a yearly average of 34.4 per cent) for this leap forward. This is according to the SBC analysis. In fact the gross national product increased by only 0.2 per cent.

This does not matter so much if the national product is considered over a short or at the same errors are repeated every year, the growth rate accurately reflects the ups and Herr Karl-Wolfgang Menck, per cent of workers on the land are accounted for in these calculations. Some countries deliberately present higher figures so that they can enjoy more extensive development

> The per capita gross national product for Bhutan of \$30 a year (according to World Bank statistics for 1977 that country is at the bottom of the list) merely confirms that it is a very poor country. The \$10 gap between Bhutan and Bangla-desh has no information value. Incomes of this sort do not necessarily mean that the people must be at starvation level, not, for example, if the land yields enough for family consumption although litt produce is sold on the market. The objections against the

per capita gross national pro-duct as a criterion of a country's prosperity are well known. No attention is paid, known. No attention is paid, for instance, to income distribution. The introduction of higher parking charges will increase the national product, but will scarcely heighten prosperity. A hundred loaves are accounted for at the same value as a hundred dog collars if the unit price is the same.

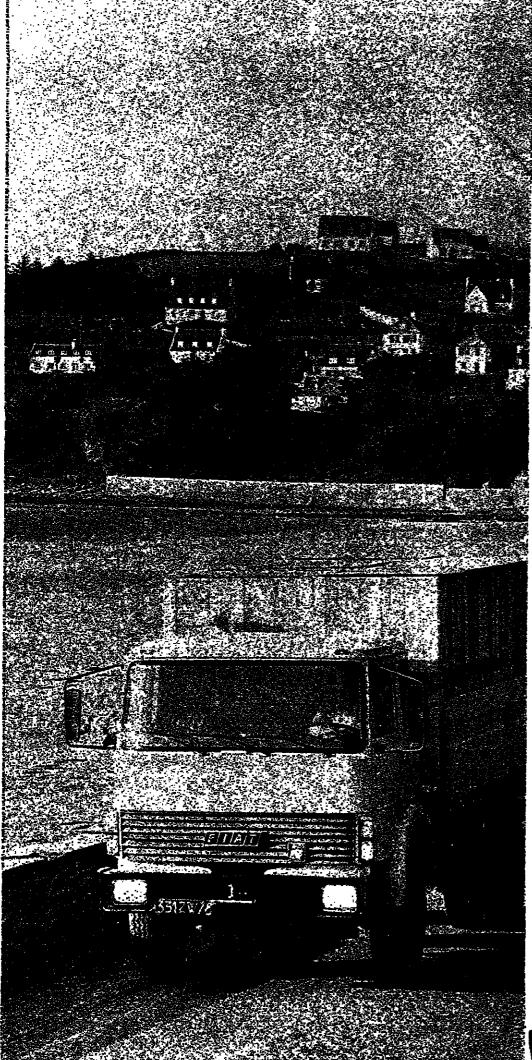
No more account is taken of working hours than of the extent to which a country uses its own raw material resources.

its own raw material resources. A relatively high per capita income in East Germany, for example, is no indication of whether there are enough goods to buy, yet that is what really manters.

Economists and others have accordingly been working for a long time on a system of social indicators to take account of the things that are important for the prosperity of a country—nutrition, health, country—nutrition, health, medical care, education, housing and working conditions. A model of this kind would need to be a reflection of priorities. It must be capable of being put into effect without too great an expense, and must be proof against manipulation on the part of interviewers.

Since however research on the subject has not yet resulted in anything contract

resulted in anything concrete the first criterion remains the national income. Although this may be edequate as a first rough and ready indicator, it is insufficient as a basic principle



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Government.
I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
EDWARD GRAYSON.

From Mr Denis MacShane

Yours faithfully, DENIS MACSHANE,

From Mr Lionel Bloch

Sir, In respect of legislation cover-ing workers who are members of a trade union either we are to have

government by laws or by men. Lord Denning and me Appeal Court judges clearly have opted for the

29 Gloucester Crescent, NW1. .

Sir, February 4 was certainly a red letter day for your correspondence columns. Lord Wedderburn of Charlton enthuses about our, grotesque trade union laws, which

are now widely recognized as the greatest threat to the economy and

freatest threat to the economy and future of this country.

Professor Cairns attacks the West's nuclear strategy—at present the only deterrent against the USSR. Mr C. J. Walker is given pride of place to celebrate Soviet rule in Trancaucasia while Lord Ramsey of Content of the Country of the Cou

Canterbury condemns the invasion of Afghanistan, but appears to put

disappearance of one individual in-

For light relief. Lady Oppen-heimer questions the notion that

on the same moral level as

God is masculine.

Are these signs of our times?

Yours faithfully.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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SUPPORT FOR STABILITY

Russian military move into Afghanistan it was easy to pick on the vulnerability of the countries to the south and west that bordered landlocked Afghanistan. In Iran the channels of government that ran from the Imam Khomeini's spiritual eminence were weak and confused where they existed at all. Anyone wanting to exploit politi-cal divisions could find fertile ground to work on. Pakistan's case seemed even worse with a frontier that was more alive, having been directly influenced by refugees crossing since the April, 1978, revolution in Kabul. General Zia ul-Haq's military rule had become more and more irksome. Could his government survive a threat from without, lacking mass support? The mapmaker's geopolitical arrows almost inserted themselves.

Six weeks later things look less tense. Following the UN vote, Pakistan called its Islamic brothers to a conference and although the verdict was not a unanimous one and the sanctions, if any, will not be uniform, the backing given to the country will be reassuring. Now the promised American aid has been tied up during Mr Brzezinski's visit. This may fall far short of General Zia's wishes but the circumstances are not such as to call for long term engagements for military or economic aid. The purpose is to promote stability by evidence of support and that has been manifestly given.

There is, of course, the case made by those who argue that even the limited aid on offer will serve to bolster an increasingly unpopular government. It is not an argument that can be swept aside. It has cropped up many times before when aid at critical times has been extended to governments of questionable popularity. And the answer must always be the same: that on balance a government that pro-

through the crisis must be helped in that task whatever faults it has. Pakistan has rarely enjoyed a government that was not subject to strong criticism-for all the retrospective popularity accorded to the late Mr Bhutto there are still angry memories of his illegal methods of government. Already there are those who detect signs that faced with the crisis in Afghanistan General Zia's leadership has its worthwhile, if somewhat negative, qualities. He is not given to inappropriate Churchilian gestures nor to exacerbating divisions by ill-tempered moves. In the end the execution of Mr Bhutto is likely to overcome him, but he remains at present the de facto government, the only government Pakistan has.

Even if some limited degree of rallying to the centre persists and hardens, it is at the periphery that the risks are greatest. Neither the North-west Frontier province nor Baluchistan has had much taste for government of any kind, whether of General Zia's or Mr Bhutto's or for any of their predecessors. The NWFP is in the front line thanks to the refugees who have been flooding over. The frontier marked by the Durand line looks efficient on a map but does not exist in the minds of the tribespeople who straddle it; they can move freely from one side to the other in the territories that were unadministered in British days and cannot be directly controlled now, Yet Pakistan has lived with that situation for a long time. Is there reason to think that independent Pathans are any more now the carriers of Marxist infection than they

were thirty or fifty years ago?
Baluchistan's instability admittedly can be less easily dismissed. It was military repression under Mr Bhutto's rule that spread bitter resentment and sent into exile in Afghanistan many bundreds of the Marri tribe.

Among them are said to be young whose higher education has since been furthered in the Soviet Union, with the expected political attachments of the kind that have reigned in Kabul of late. Batches of ardent young Marxists are always alarming but only likely to do great deeds when they have the backing of the armed forces—as they did have in Kabul in April, 1978, and as they certainly would not have in Pakistan. In the past two years General Zia has not done as much as may be needed to quieten Baluchi tempers but he has cer-tainly acted prudently in soothing the worst suspicions. He should do more and may find that Baluchis—in the mass—are no more likely to welcome the kind of government they see in Kabul or to relish the accounts that will certainly reach them from Afghanistan of Russian occupying forces.

That leaves the other argument against limited but firm support for Pakistan: its effect on India. One answer is that the military help for Pakistan will be entirely defensive in aim. Another is that General Zia has shown himself to be careful over relations with India and there is no reason why he should now turn away from such an attitude. He certainly does not play the role of crusader that Mr Bhutto could relish. If Indian anxieties run to some of the wilder fears that have already been ventilated in the Indian press-American troops arriving to train Afghan rebels, for example—that must be accepted as natural. It is not Pakistan's difficult task is to react on a global scale to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. It is to watch the points of risk on its own frontier and not to let them shake a firm stance backed by suitable political and military support. It is realistic to offer both kinds of support to General Zia's government, but without pretending to an enthusiasm which is not warranted.

THE COURAGE OF CZECH MODERATION

of as people who adapt too casily to the various humiliations that have come their way from the defeat of the Protestants in 1620 to the Munich agreement of 1938, the Nazi occupation, the Stalinism of the 1950s, and the Soviet occupation of 1968. In the debate on the relative merits of survival and resistance they are help up against the Poles, who so often fought and died for who led the opposition to their defeats. The damage to Poland was physical, the damage to Czechoslovakia spiritual; it is not for outsiders to pass easy judgments. But at least in Czechoslovakia today some small sparks of resistance lighten the gloom imposed by the mis-named policy of "normalization" conducted since 1969 by Dr Husak under the protection of Soviet guns. Charter 77, and its offshoot VONS (the Committee for the Defence of the Unjustly Prosecuted) survive in spite of steady harassment and the imprisonment of leading members.

The Charter 77 association has just issued a new statement which we carry in part on auother page In its first manifesto in January, 1977, it described itself as "a loose, informal and open association of people of various shades of opinion, faith and professions united by the will to strive individually and collectively for the respecting of civil and human rights . . . (It) is not an organization; it has no rules, permanent bodies or formal membership. It embraces everyone who agrees with its ideas and participates in its work. It does not form the basis for any oppositional political

The Czechs are widely thought activity. . . . It does not aim to set out its own platform of political or social reform or change . . but within its own field of impact to conduct a constructive dialogue with the political and state authorities ...".

The significance of the

Charter was that it marked the first sign of serious organized activity by people other than the reformist communists of the ousted Dubcek regime. Until then it was largely these communists " normalization ", appealed to western communist parties, written leaflets, gone to prison, and kept alive hope of a return, perhaps even with Soviet consent, to a modified version of the Dubcek period. By 1976 these hopes had largely faded.

The Russians, after showing a few flickers of interest, seemed to have committed themselves fully to Dr Husak, and the few allies which the reformists may have had within the Czechoslovak party had been removed, deprived of influence or converted to acquiescence. It was time to look for new approaches and these seemed to open up when Czechoslovakia signed the international covenants on civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights. If the party could not be reformed from within perhaps it could be pressed from the outside to show more respect for its own laws and international obligations. Perhans it could even be persuaded to "conduct a constryctive dialogue" on the subject. After all, it was surely not illegal to press for observance of the

Today's Charter 77 document is older and wiser by three years. No longer is there any mention of a dialogue. The authorities chose

to regard the scrupulously legal activities of the association as illegal and subversive. The mere collation of what are supposed to be public documents on what are supposed to be public trials has brought down stiff prison sentences on members of VONS such as Vaclav Havel, Czechoslovakia's best-known playwright, and Jiri Dienstbier, a gifted journalist. To continue to seek dialogue would be unrealistic.

On the other hand the majority resisted the temptation to move into the more direct political opposition which some regarded as a logical response. The new document remains true to the original aim of not offering a political platform, an alternative programme, or indeed any direct opposition to the state. This is its strength for it thereby keeps the loyalty of ex-communists, reformist communists, Christians, liberal democrats, and different shades of socialists who can unite only on a common commitment to basic civil and political rights.

The aims of Charter 77 are therefore minimal: "We are more clearly aware that even a small space won for independent and free activity is a space for genuine life". But they are also universal: "Charter 77 stands up for the right of every human being to a free life in accordance with his or her conscience". The Charter's aims, as it rightly says, are essentially moral and rooted in the cultural traditions of Europe. But in a state such as Czechoslovakia today this cannot fail to represent a political stance if only because it is impossible to imagine the ideals of Charter 77 being even minimally respected under the present political system.

detoxification centres and not Deaths in police custody

From Mr Michael Meacher, MP for Oldham, West (Labour) Sir, Dr Maclean (January 31) is Sir, Dr Maclean (January 31) is right to call attention to the extremely unsatisfactory situation faced by the police in having to deal with large numbers of drunken persons in police station cells, especially on Friday and Saturday nights. Quite a high proportion of the 245 persons who, according to Home Office statistics, have met their death in police custody in

their death in police custody in England and Wales in the last 91 years fall into this category. But the main point is surely that they shouldn't have been taken to police strategy in the first place. stations in the first place. What is needed instead is the What is needed instead is the widespread provision of detoxification centres. Following the Home Office's 1971 report Habitual Dranken Offenders, hospital-based centres were opened in Edinburgh in 1973 and Manchester in 1977,

opened in Leeds in 1976. That is il, and even the Leeds centre is threatened with closure in March. Yet these centres have proved their worth overwhelmingly. They should now therefore be extended across the country, and in order both to free the police of an un-pleasant role for which they are not well suited and also to provide drunken or alcoholic persons with the medical and social rather than nurely custodial care they need, we should aim to ensure in future that the latter can be, and as a matter of normal procedure are, taken to

and a community-based centre was

police station cells. However, none of this means that

However, none of this means that Mr Jardine (January 17) is justified in giving the impression that there is nothing whatever to worry about on the police side either. I have just obtained from the Police Complaints Board the figures for 1978 of the numbers of complaints of the numbers of complaints against the police alleging assault, in each of the 44 police forces in England and Wales.

What is particularly striking is that those Forces with a very high number of complaints of assault are also those with a high number of deaths in custody over the period 1970-79. For example, whilst or occasis in custody over the periods 1970-79. For example, which Cumbria had 7 complaints only and 1 death in custody, neighbouring Northumbria had 87 complaints and

6 deaths in custody.

The Metropolitism area had 513 complaints and 102 deaths in custody, the West Midlands had 208 complaints and 11 deaths, Greater Manchester had 173 complaints and 11 deaths, West Yorkshire had 137 complaints and 14 deaths, and 11 deaths, West Yorkshire had 15/ complaints and 14 deaths, and Merseyside had 119 complaints and 14 deaths. Is there really no cou-nexion between complaints of police assault and deaths in custody?

If Mr Jardine is so sure all is well and that there is nothing to hide, why is he so anxious to dis-parage in advance a full and proper public inquiry as a fishing expedition "? w mammoth

Yours sincerely. MICHAEL MEACHER. House of Commons. February 2.

The price of gas

From Mr M. V. Posner From Mr M. V. Posner

Sir, Mr Marsh makes a fair point in
his letter (January 28). It is hard
to find ways of using the social
services to help those poor families
hit by sharp rises in some basic
prices. However, if Mr Marsh and
I could agree on how much money
to spend, I am sure we could find
ways of doing the job that were not
too sidly.

The same could not be said if we The same could not be said if we used the fuel industries for this purpose. I concede that all big business—public, private, or mixed—must bear in mind the problems imposed on society by their commercial operations. But "inverted tariffs"—the less you use, the smaller the price per unit—make economic nonsense, whether for gas or electricity. Should I pay a lower price per unit for the heater I use for one peak hour a day than a for one peak hour a day than a working-class family pays for the continuous gas or electric system to which it is committed by virtue of the equipment the landford installed seguenal years and?

The connexion between patterns of fuel purchases and poverty is too weak a lever to overturn the basic proposition that fuel prices should be a series and market reflect producer costs and market pressures. If we tried to use the energy industries as branches of the social security system they would perform inefficiently in both their primary and their secondary roles. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL POSNER, Pembroke College,

Cambridge.

of Afghanistan

From Mr Peers Carter

Sir, Ingenious arguments about pots and kettles and global strategy from Mr McKitterick (January 31) among others, and the controversy over participation in the Olympic Games, should not distract us from the central fact that the Afghans are resisting, literally to the death, a brutal military invasion and occupa-tion of their country. tion of their country.

Their courage, religious faith and fierce spirit of independence deserve our deepest admiration and all the support, direct or indirect, that men of good will anywhere can give

Yours faithfully, PEERS CARTER. HM Ambassador to Afghanistan, 1968-72

Holgate, Balcombe. Sussex. January 31.

From Mr Eric Forth, MEP for Birmingham North (Conservative) Sir, Ronald Butt's otherwise well argued, if misconceived, article, "European unity: the shattering of an ideal" (January 31), ignores the response of the European Parlia-ment to the Afghanistan crisis.

This is regrettable, but understandable, as so many commentators look only to the Commission and the Council of Ministers to assess the response of the EEC to current

I would remind Mr Butt and your readers that the European Parlia readers that the European reasonment in its January session passed a resolution tabled by the British Conservatives, the Christian Democrats, and the Liberals which condemned the armed invasion of Afghanistan as contrary to the UN Charter, called for an immediate withdrawal of Soviet troops, requested the Commission immediately to review all economic relations between the USSR and the EEC especially in the field of high tech nology, agriculture and anti-dumping practices, and to report to the Council of Ministers. "It calls for action by the Council and the Foreign Ministers on the basis of that report. It calls on the International Olym-pic Games Committee to reconsider the holding of the Olympic Games in Moscow"

This is an example of several political groups from the nine countries of Europe combining to take a political initiative where individual governments (except Britain) and the other EEC institutions have appeared to be paralvzed.

Yours faithfully. ERIC FORTH, 40a Goldieslie Road, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. January 31.

Boycotting the Olympics From Mr T. V. N. Fortescue

Sir, Suggestions for a permanent, extra-political home for the Olym-pic Games have focused on Greece; but would not Switzerland be an

incomparably suitable permanent host to the modern games? A strenuously upheld tradition of neutrality since the Confederation was founded well over a century ago; a worldwide reputation for efficiency in all things, notably the reception and accommodation of temporary visitors; a prosperity to make entirely feasible the construc-

tion of the necessary facilities; a geography which provides suitable conditions for every Olympic event; and a climate most favourable for all athletic endeavour.

When these advantages are seen in conjunction with the long history of Switzerland's welcome and hosor switzer and a wetcome and no-pitality to international organiza-tions of all kinds, nor least the International Olympic Committee, the choice of this unique country as today's equivalent of ancient Greece seems an obvious solution to a problem which becomes more complex for every Olympiad.

While I am uninformed as to the likely reaction of the Swiss Gov-eroment to my suggestion, it would be out of character for an approach not to be given the most serious consideration. Yours faithfully.

TIM FORTESCUE 34 Stanford Road, W8. January 30,

Dissident and dissenter From Mr Leszek Kolakowski

Sir, I was particularly pleased with the article "Parallels with the Sak-harov case" by Patricia Clough (January 28). Professor Küng points out the striking similarity between his own and Andrei Sakharov's predicament (whether the author of the article shares this view is not quite clear).

The analogies are indeed impressive. As is well known, in Pravda, Izvestya, and throughout the Soviet press, articles by Sakharov appear defending his cause and condemn-ing the Government; he gives inter-views on TV to state his case, makes speeches and lectures for huge audiences at the Moscow University, audiences at the Moscow University, travels all over Europe; and in the mass media a debate is going on in which all Sakharov's defensors and critics voice their opinion. Sakharov's books attacking the Soviet regime are being sold in all bookshops of the Soviet Union and in general, people have a lot of fun from watching the discussion. from watching the discussion.

On the other hand, it is also well On the other hand, it is also well known that Professor King, after having been constantly harassed by the papel police for 12 years, has been recently expelled from his flat and forcibly sent to a remote town under police supervision, with his telephone cut off; most of his friends, for defending the same cause, are now roming in concentration camps end prisons.

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O mantyrs in the chatches of the latter-day Diocletian-Wojtyla Yours sincerely, LESZEK KOLAKOWSKI. Alf Souls College, January 29.

The Soviet invasion Trade unions and the rule of law

From Sir Ronald Bell, QC, MP
Sir, Some reading Lord Wedderburn of Charlton's confident assertion (February 4) that trade union
law is clear, as it emerges from
recent decisions in the House of
Lords, may be reminded of one of
A.P.H's misleading cases in the
Common Law.

Common Law.

In that celebrated case four law lurds declared in turn that the law was clear, two one way and two
the opposite way, and Lord Gost,
with whom therefore, the decision
rested, said: "My Lords, the law
is clear..." and fell dead; so that no one ever knew which way

the law was clear.

After Lord Wedderburn's letter we are no wiser about the law, though clear enough about Lord Wedderburn's political view. "Acts done in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute" is certainly a formula but whether it is tainly a formula, but whether it is a "golden formula", as he thinks, or a formula for disaster, as I think, is simply a matter of general judg-

The formula, in any case, is the creature of statute and it is not clear to me why another statute should not change it. If "trade dispute" is now authoritatively inter-preted to include a political cam-paign against the Government, and "in furtherance" includes any remote and preposterous connexion that strikes root in the fevered brain of any trade union leader, then a strong dose of what Lord Wedderburn would clearly regard as legislative iconoclasm is urgently

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, RONALD M. BELL, House of Commons, SWI.

From Mr Edward Grayson Sir, Lord Wedderburn of Charlton curiously omitted to point out in his letter published today (Feb-ruary 4) that the trade unions "liberties in Britain since 1875 in the criminal law" to which be refers were created by the first modern Conservative Government, under

Primary maths teaching

From Dame Kathleen Ollerenshain

Sir. As reported today (January 31), the Mathematics Development Primary Survey published yesterday by the Department of Education

and Science states (on page 64), "The difference in performance between pupils in schools with less

than 20 pupils per teacher and those in schools with 27.5 pupils

per teacher and above was statistically significant in 12 of the 13 subcategories (tested)." This should not

In an international survey con-ducted during 1965-69 of the mathe-

matical achievements at the age of

11 and in the penultimate compul-sory school year (usually at 15), the

to seek clues to this phenomenon. In Japan ability and high perform-

ance in mathematics from the

earliest age is much revered

mathematics both among parents

and the general populace certainly

contributes to the children's out-

standing overall level of perform-

suggested.

ance.

in Japanese primary schools, although there was much "play material" and ample classroom opportunities and space for practical mathematics and "discovery activities, the actual classroom instruction was with large groups of children—30, 40 or even more—sitting at desks in closely packed rows. I found difficulty in not linkfar above what we had come to expect in England age for age, of class-taught basic mathematical facts and processes which are the

cause as much surprise as is only sure foundation of subsequent understanding and competence. I remember being shocked on my return home, when visiting a new five to seven infant school, to learn on enquiry that there was not a Japanese were placed far shead of all participating nations (regret-ably, the USSR did not agree to take part). My curiosity aroused. I visited Japan in 1970 specifically teachers' blackboard in the building and no classroom where children could at any time be seated at desks or tables all facing the teacher in front of the class—something, I am sure, which could not be thought possible in Japan. Does this not suggest that we should consider giving greater weight again to at least some formal teaching of assiduously sought and well rewarded. The whole ethos and emphasis on the importance of mathematics from an early age? Yours faithfully,

KATHLEEN OLLERENSHAW. 2 Pine Road Manchester. January 31.

Harm of pornography From Dr J. H. Court.

Sir, I have now had the opportunity to read the Williams Committee report on obscenity and film censor-ship (The Times, November 29). Since a discussion of my own submissions to the committee occupies the longest part of the longest chapter, I wish to express my disappointment that the com-mittee has misrepresented my work

mittee has misrepresented my work and shown an inability to recognize the harm associated with the wide dissemination of pornography.

We agree that in any discussion of censorship evidence regarding harm should be examined closely. My research has shown that increased availability of pornography has been associated in many places with an increase of rape reports. Conversely, a restrictive policy on Conversely, a restrictive policy on pornography has been associated with little or no increase in rape

reports.

Readers of the Williams report would not know that this has been my position, since it set up a number of straw men and then proceeded to knock them down, in spite of its apprecial analysis of my of its superficial analysis of my work which suggests I was hooking at crude measures of sex offences, my work has actually been much more precise. Although the report deels primarily with England and Wales, my own work was workwide in order to discern consistent trends. The report gives most attention to a mere half page of my submissions and fails to give due respect to the remaining 95 per cent. Research evidence from other sources was reviewed by Mr M. Yaffe and published as an appendix to the report, but that review has omitted a number of serious recent studies which deserve attention and have shifted the balance towards evidence for herm.

At the same time, credence is given by members of the committee to the Danish work of Dr Berl Kutchinsky which has been the sub-ject of criticism ever since it was presented to the United States Commission on Obscenity and Pornography in 1970. Kutchinsky himself at that time admitted his work was exploratory and preliminary. Since then little new material has been published by him. Therefore, the serious point which arises from Dr Kutchinsky's submissions and my own is this:

Readers of the report with its conclusions can gain to access to the evidence on which they were based. My own scientific work has been evaluated for the committee, at least in part, by Mr Stephen Brody, of the Home Office Research Unit Since my evidence has a direct bear-Since my evidence has a direct bearing on the stance taken by the Home Office to pornography in recent years, Mr Broady comes from a biased position which surely should have been avoided. Alchough his analysis of my work is faulty, superficial and tendentious, I am not surprised. I am informed that other surprised. I am informed that other witnesses are also incensed at the treatment they have received. Regrettably readers of the report are compelled to accept the committee's interpretations of the evidence as if they were true. The United States commission produced its report in 1970 and published the evidence which led to its conclusions. It was then possible to see that the conclusions did not flow that the conclusions did not flow from the evidence, and the report was rejected by the President and

Senate.

If the Williams committee were to publish the written evidence in the same way, the outcome could well be the same. Without this we well be the same. Without Illis we are faced with recommendations to follow in the steps of Denmark, while being denied the evidence for such a move. In Denmark, complete freedom for the written word in 1967 was merely a precursor to freedom for pictorial material two years later. years later. I hope this report stirs a vigorous

debate in Brigain. I shall be pre-paring a lengthy response in the hope of ensuring that people may gain access to primary data, rather than rely on doubtful interpretation. Yours sincerely,

Yours successes, I. H. COURT, Reader in Psychology, School of Social Science, Flinders University of South Australia, Bedford Park, SA 5042, Australia.

Rights of passage From Mr 1: Parfitt

Sir, You declare in your issue of January 21 that "nuclear powered (submarine) boats are not allowed through the Suez Canal". Your choice of the passive voice should not be allowed to obscure the fact that that is a rule unilaterally imposed by the Egyptian Govern-ment in definence of the Suez Canal Convention, and regrettably accepted last year by the British Govern-

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It is time that the Royal Navy asserted its undoubted rights, and sent a nuclear powered vessel through the canal before last year's precedent becomes accepted practice

for ever. Otherwise we may face demands one day that Her Majesty's ships should be rowed (or, as the Service would have it, pulled) through the Canal.
Yours faithfully, JOHN PARFITT, 86 Higher Drive,

An English grave Disraeli; and the "politicians who in Naples Disraeli; and the "politicians who now wish to impose limitations upon [the House of Lords' construction of their civit extensions] by statute "do so by overwhehming public demand evidenced by opinion polis taken before, during and, as you demonstrated so clearly last week, since the general election, when a mandate for those limitations was given equally clearly to the present Conservative Government.

From the Principal of Somerville College, Oxford

Sir, HM Consul-General, Naples, J. assured me by telephone yesterday that the Municipality of Naples is being most cooperative and cager to respect the monuments and mor-tal remains of famous British people, such as Mrs Mary Somerville, buried in the cemetery.

The part of Naples including the

old cemetery, disused since 1891 or 1892 is, I understand, among the most overpopulated in the world, so that all space is very bacly needed. Miss Edith Clay tells me that the Comune of Naples is buying the cemetery site, will convert it into a public garden, and will leave in situ such tombs as are capable of restoration. Bones from the other graves will be moved to a common grave in the New Pro-testant Cemetery, unless represen-tations are made to the Consulate-General and the expense of removal

to a separate grave is met. Mary Somerville (1780-1872), described in one of the many objuary notices that appeared after her death in Naples as "the Queen of Nineteenth-Century Science", spent the last third of her long life in Italy, where she was greatly loved and respected, and accorded bonours by many learned Italian Eacteries.

Yours faithfully, BARBARA CRAIG, Somerville College, February 1.

Cigarette advertising

From Sir Dougles Black and Professor J. G. Robson

Sir, The Government will shortly be negotiating the voluntary agreement it has with the tobacco industry on such matters as cigaret 2 warnings and sales promotion, which comes up for review in March.

During the three years of the prescut agreement some 150,000 men and women have, according to the Department of Health's estimate, died prematurely as the result of cigarette smoking. At this rate at least a million more will die from this cause before the end of the century unless cigarette sales are s somehow controlled, especially among children, whose present high rate of smoking presents a sad pros-

pect for the next half century. The Governments of Norway and Finland have adopted comprehensive policies to reduce cigarette smoking including phasing out of advertising and promotion and these are already beginning to show valuable effects, especially among the young. Yet successive governments have failed to take any such action in our country where the death rate from smoking-related diseases is one

of the highest in the world. Cigarette smoking today is the most important cause of preventable death and disease in the UK. We urge the Government to take vigorous measures, including if necessary legislation, to prevent the tobacco manufacturers from promoting their wares in persuasive ways which undermine the impact of health education on the behaviour both of children and adults.

Yours faithfully, DOUGLAS BLACK.

J. G. ROBSON,
Honorary Secretary,
Conference of Medical Royal Colleges and their Faculties in the UK,
Department of Anaerthetics, Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Ducane Road, W12. January 25.

Calling the tune

From Mr Martin Jones Sir. I write on behalf of the Philharmonia Orchestra in response to the review by Paul Griffiths on January 26 of our concert in the Royal Festival Hall the previous evening. I take exception to his remarks concerning the performance of "Tune" by John Wallace, Fe also helped by the fact that Mr Wallage is the Principal Trumpet in the Philharmonia Orchestra for otherwise its claims could hardly be taken seriously".

The decision to perform the Wallace work, rather than one of four other contemporary pieces considered, was taken by the Council of the Orchestra, in consultation with Vernon Handley, who had recommended it.

Naturally, we were pleased to give an opportunity to one of the composers in the Orchestra, but the choice was made first and foremost on the musical merits of the piece, and we believe it was the right decision. Until he was informed of the choice. John Wallace was not even aware that his piece had been considered.

"Tune" certainly succeeded in its aim of pleasing the audience, even if it did not please Mr Griffiths. Yours faithfully, MARTIN JONES. Chairman,

Philharmonia Orchestra, 12 de Walden Court, 85 New Cavendish Street, W1. January 29.

Slanging match From Mr J. A. Cullen

Sir, Cassell's decision, following protests from Mr Shloimovitz, to expunge the derogatory definition of "jew" as "a usurer, an extor-tionate tradesman", etc. from the latest editions of their English Diclatest editions of their English Dic-tionary may well be a defeat for linguistic integrity, as Bernard Levin asserts (January 29); but is it not also oddly inconsistent with their recension intact of the follow-ing definition of a Greek: "(slang) a trick fellow, a knave, a cheat"?

Did Mr Shloimovitz make any representations in the second case? Or did he decide that Greeks must fight their own battles? Yours faithfully,

J. A. CULLEN, 18 Twyford Avenue, W3. January 31.



COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM

February 4: By command of The Queen, General Sir John Mogg Her Majesty's Vice Lord-Lieutenant for Oxfordshire) was Lieutenant for Oxfordshire) was present this evening at Royal Air Force Brize Norton upon the departure of Princess Alexandra, the Hon Mrs Angus Ogilvy and the Hon Angus Ogilvy for Hongkong, and bade farewell to Her Royal Highness and the Hon Angus Ogilvy on behalf of Her Majesty. BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 4: The Prince of Wales, attended by the Hon Edward

Adeane, was present this evening at the Annual Banquet of the Overseas Bankers Club which was held in Guildhall. KENSINGTON PALACE

February 4: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this evening visited the University of Cambridge and was present at a Debate held by the Cambridge Union Society Union Society.

The Lady Anne Tennant was in

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 4: The Duchess of Kent.
as Patron, this afternoon attended
the Four Nations Study Conference on Age Concern at Church
House, Westminster.
Miss Carola Godman Irvine was
in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
February 4: Princess Alexandra
and the Hon Angus Ogilvy, attended by the Lady Mary FitzalanHoward and Group Captain Derek
Homer, left Royal Air Force Brize
Norton (Station Commander,
Group Captain W. H. Croydon)
this evening in a British Airways
military charter flight to visit
Hongkong, where Her Royal
Highness is to open the final section of the Mass Transit Railway. tion of the Mass Transit Railway.

A memorial service for Lord Justice Goff will be held in Lin-coln's Inn Chapel at 5 pm on Monday, February 25.

A memorial service for Sir Cecil Beaton will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields on Thursday, March

A memorial service for Mr C. A. Settle, QC, will be held in the Temple Church at 4.45 pm on Tuesday, February 12.

A thanksgiving service for the life and work of J. W. Nankiveli will be held at 3 pm in Ellesmere Col-lege Chapel on Thursday, Feb-

The Hon Mrs Guy Mansfield gave birth to a daughter in London

Birthdays today

Licutenant-General ir Clarence
Bird, 95; Mr Ian Findlay, 62;
Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fraser
of North Cape, 92; Lord Gibson,
64; Professor Sir Alan Hodgkin,
66; Sir Antony Hornby, 76; Wing
Commander R. A. B. Learoyd, VC,
67; Mr Frank Muir. 60; Mr John
Pritchard, 59; the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, 76; Sir Bruce
White, 95.

Today's engagements The Prince of Wales visits British Institute of Management, Man-

Camden, 10. Exhibitions: Journeys to China. Thomas Cook, 45 Berkeley Street, 9-5.30; Pollaiuolo to Thomas Cook, 45 Berkeley Street, 9-5.30; Pollaiuolo to Picasso: Master prints in the Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester University, 10-5; Stampex '80, New Horticultural Hall, Elverton Street, 10-8; No country for old men, the social and economic conditions of contemporary Ireland, ICA Gallery, Nash House, Cariton House Terrace, 12-8; Walter Pfeiffer, Asahi Pentax gallery, Vigo Pentax gallery, Vigo

Lectures : Prince Peter of Greece Lectures: Prince Peter of Greece and Demmark on A visit to Lhasa, 1979, illustrated with slides, Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, 1.15; Community Health Councils, Mike Gerrard, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, 7; National Community Service, Elizabeth Hoodless, North London Polytechnic, Highbury Grove, 2; The first human settlements in Cyprus, Dr. E. J. Peltenburg, 6.30; Plutarch on Egypt: Isis and Osiris, 11.30; Rameses II, wealthy of years, great of victories, 1.15. Eritish Museum, Grear Russell Street; Introduction to abstraction (1): Semat. Great Russell Street: Introduc-tion to abstraction (1): Seurat, Pat Turner, 1; Shaking by Was-silv Kandinsky, Terry Measham, 6.20, Tate Gallery; Record sleeve design, Roger Dean, V and A Museum, 1.15. Royal Ulster Agricultural Society spring show, Balmoral, Belfast, co Antrim, Northern Ireland. Poetry reading: Seamus Heaney,

Co Antrin, Northern Ireland.
Poetry reading: Seamus Heaney,
National Poetry Centre, 21 Earls
Court Square, 7.30.

B & H Masters' snooker tournament, Wembley Conference
Centre, 2 and 7.30.

Concert: Salomon orchestra:
Chuka, Shostakovich, St John's,
Smith Sonare 7.30.

Smith Square. 7.30.
Walk: Historic charm of Mayfalr and St James's, meet Green Park station, 10.30.

Royal engagements

The following engagements for February have been announced from Buckingham Palace:
21: The Duke of Edinburgh, as president, will give a dinner party for honorary fellows of the Royal Agricultural Society of England at Buckingham Palace.

at Buckingham Palace.
27: The Prince of Wales will attend a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Barnes Wallis at St Paul's Cathedral; the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a lunch of the Recreation Managers' As John County Parising at the Lord County me Recreation Malagers Associa-tion of Great Britain at the Lens-bury Club, Teddington; later the Queen will open the restored great hall at University College School, Hampstead, on the occasion of its 150th anniversary. 28: The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Soho Housing Association

25 years ago From The Times of Friday, Feb 4, 1955

Requisitioning ends

The Bill to end the regulsitioning of houses by 1960 is a sensible and an overdue measure. The Government's requisitioning power, kept in dormant life by a still surviving Defence regulation is abolished forthwith for housing though not for other measure. The though not for other property. The local authorities managing requisitioned houses on the Govern-ment's behalf are to take full possession of them and are given five years in which to terminate requisitioning. As an incentive to action the Exchequer will continue

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. O'B. Milner-Barry and Miss C. J. Rapoport and Miss C. J. Rapport
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Sir Stuart and Lady Milner-Barry, of 43 Blackheath Park, London, SE3, and Carla, daughter of Mr and Mrs Daniel Rappoport of Muskegon, Withhims University States. Michigan, United States.

Mr D. R. Scott and Miss D. N. Ward and Miss D. N. Ward
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Commander and Mrs David Scott, of Saddiers Cottage, Brook, Nr Lyndhurst, Hampshire, and Diana, younger daughter of Major-General Sir Philip and Lady Ward, of The Old Rectory, Patching, Nr Worthing, Sussex.

Mr D. H. Corner and Miss S. A. Lilley

The engagement is announced between David Hugh, son of Mrs Vera Corner, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Sarah Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Tony Lilley, of Tankerton, Kent.

Mr J. D. Glynn and Miss S. L. Maybury

and Miss S. L. Maybury
The engagement is announced
between John Dennis, younger son
of the late Lieutenant-Colonel
R. T. W. Glynn, MC, RA, and of
Mrs E. M. Glynn, of Hariesford
House, Tetsworth. Oxfordshire,
and Sarah Lyall, daughter of the
late Mr Bernard Maybury, FRCS,
and of Mrs I. W. Maybury, of
Weston Corbett House, near Basingstoke, Hampshire.

The engagement is announced between Stuart, elder son of Flight Lieutenant and Mrs D. L.

Green, of Kingsclere, Hampshire, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. G. Burley, of Penning-Mr P. Randolph

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr Francis Rudolfer, of Willesden, London, and Miss Dody Strasser-Reichman, of Putney, London, and Joanna Karen Teresa, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Watson, of Bridges Wood, Churt, Hindhead, Surrey.

Dr J. M. Schmer and Dr M. J. Parnes

and or M. J. Parnes
The engagement is announced
and the marriage will take place
in England in September between
John Michael, elder son of Commander and Mrs Michael Sehmer,
of Vancouver, British Columbia,
and Maria Jamina, daughter of the
late Dr H. R. Parnes and of Mrs
Parnes, of 8 Antrim Grove, Loudon, NW3, England.

Luncheons

Prime Minister Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a
luncheon held at 10 Downing Street
yesterday in honour of Mr Malcolm
Fraser, Prime Minister of Australia. The other guests were:
Mr N. J. R. MacKellar, MP. Str
Geoffrey Yeend, Mr P. G. F.
Henderson, Mr W. B. Pritchett, the
acting High Commissioner for Australia:
Lord Carrington, Sir Michael Palliser,
Sir Frank Cooper, Mr Hugh Cortazgi
and Mr Michael Alexander.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr Peter Blaker, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of Mr Radoje Stefanovic, Vice-President of the Executive Council of Serbia. Mr Stevan Bek. Vice-President of the Executive Council of Vojvodina, and Dr Tode Curuvia. Vice-President of the Council of Vojvodina, and Dr Tode Curuvija, Vice-President of the Recutive Council of Croatia. Among the guests were: The Yugoslav Ambasador. Mr Vlekoslav Lozina: Mr J. Parker. Mp. Mr P. Fry. Mp. Mr E. Davies, Mr H. Herbert-Jones Mr M. Brookes, Mr H. L. Rhodes. Mr B. Bartlett, Mr J. J. Prench, Mr D. L. Bartlett, Mr J. H. Lyon, Mr C. Spray, Mr R. Davy and Miss H. Pick.

Coal Industry Society The Coal Industry Society held a luncheon at the Hyde Park Hotel yesterday. Mr W. M. Pybus, president, introduced the principal guest and speaker. Mr Peter B. Baxendell. Mr D. M. F. Walters was in the chair.

Dinners Overseas Bankers Club The Prince of Wales was present at the annual dinner of the Over-seas Bankers Club held yesterday

Latest wills

Sir Cecil Penibrey Grey Wakeley, of Chatham, president of the Royal College of Surgeons 1949-1954, left £81,940 net. Miss Ruth Millicent Scott, of Can-ford Cliffs, Dorset, left £286,914 net net.

net.
After personal and other bequests she left £1,000 and one-fifth of the residue each to Help the Aged and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund; £500 and one-fifth of the residue each to the Friends of Exeter Cathedral and British Red Cross Society, and one-fifth of the residue to the Musicians' Benevolent Fund.

lent Fund.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):
Bates, Mr John Robert, of Keysoe, Bedford £288,324
Bayley, Mr Cornelius Felix, of Frinton-on-Sea, chemist £308,109
Bee, Mr Benjamin Robert, of Ambleside, Cumbria, veterinary surgeon £186,458
Bembridge, Doreen, of Timberland, Lincoln, intestate £296,493
Cole, Mr William, of Chulmleigh, Devon £177,144
Heenan, Mr John Nelson Dundas, of Aylesbury £154,035
Hemmens, Amy Louise, of Chiswick, London, intestate, £111,368
Isaac, Mr Joseph Bennett, of Chippenham

and open Royalty Mausions, Meard Street, Soho, London; later he will attend the premiere of the Disablement in the City film, How to Survive in an Occupied Country, at Britannia House, Moor Lane, London; in the evening the Doke of Edinburgh, as president, will attend the president's Dirner of the Naval and Military Club at 94 Piccadilly.

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29: The Prince of Wales will visit Decta Radar Ltd's marine, alr and electronic warfare establishments at Horsham, Surrey, and Kingston upon Thames; in the atternoon he will visit Canterbury Cathedral; the Duke of Edinburgh will open a new electronics factory of Eurotherm International at West Durrington. Sussex: Later at West Durrington, Sussex; later he will open the new office building of Preece, Cardew & Rider, Preece House, Davigdor Road,

bearing the whole loss incurred on the houses for another year. Thereafter local authorities will have to find a quarter of the cost just as they do for council houses generally. When bombs were falling and families were homeless it was common sense to commandeer empty dwellings for their accommodation. Re-

Hove, Sussex.

sense to commandeer empty dwellings for their accommodation. Requisitioning was, not unreasonably, continued during the phase of demobilization and restoration immediately following the war, and it was fair that the Government should bear the cost. Those years

Mr T. J. Smartt and Miss A. E. Pleydell The engagement is announced between Timothy John, son of Mr and Mrs F. F. P. Smartt, of Crowborough, Sussex, and Alison Elizabeth, daughter of Dr and Mrs M. J. Pleydell, of Cumnor Hill, Oxford.

Mr R. D. C. Vaughan and Mile S.-A. Lafond

and Mile S.-A. Latond
The engagement is aumounced
between Richard, elder son of Mr
and Mrs William Vaughan, of
Ghoblam Farm Cottage, Chobham,
Surrey, and Sylvie-Annick, only
daughter of M and Mme Charles
Lafond, of Chalet La Comète,
Chemin du Trempliu, Megève,

Marriages

Mr P. A. Breese and Miss C. A. Odgers
A service of blessing was held at helsea Old Church on Saturday, February 2, after the marriage between Mr Peter Breese, of Longview, Accokeek, Maryland, United States, and Miss Charlotte Odgers, of Chinnock House, Middle Chinnock, Somerset. The Rev C. E. Leighton Thomson officiated.

A reception was held at Crosby Hall, Cheyne Walk, SW3.

Mr J. K. Ingham and Mrs P. S. Colman The marriage took place in Lancaster on January 30, 1980, between Mr Keith Ingham,

formerly of Lytham, Lancashire, and Mrs Penny Colman, formerly of Taunton, Somerset. Major G. H. Martin and Mrs S. M. Brierley

The marriage took place on January 29 at Kensington Register Office between Major George (Red) Martin and Mrs Sarah (Betty) Brierley.

and Miss M. C. Hague
The marriage took place on Saturday. February 2, at All Saints,
Ham, between Mr Andrew
Melsom, son of Major John
Melsom and Mrs Guy Rowbotham, and Miss Melanic Clare
Hague, daughter of the late Mr
Derek Hague and of Mrs Hague.

Christening

Christening
The infant son of Mr and Mrs
Michael Tussaud was christened
Piers Nicholas by Father Peter
Keenan at St Jame's. Spanish
Place, on Friday, February 1.
The godparents are Major Richard
Wilkinson, Mr Mustafa Barazi,
Mr Michael Monkland, Miss Diana
Page-Jones, Miss Elizabeth Paget,
Mrs Herbert Lom and Miss
Charmaian Kerans (for whom Miss
Elizabeth Bowen-Jones stood
proxy).

at Guildhall. The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, attended and the other principal guests were Mr K. O. Poehl, President of the Deutsche Bundesbank, and Mr Gordon Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England. Lord Barber, president of the club, presided.

Cambridge Union Society Princess Margaret attended the Cambridge Union Society dinner held at Downing College last night.

Id at Downadg College last fight. tose present included:

Mark Bishop president, the Master Downing College and Lady Butterd, the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge liversity: Lord Beaumout of Whitley. O Rev Lord Soper, Lady Anne mant, the Rev Dr Edward Norman, o Rev David Johnson, Mr Andrew hier, Miss Melinda Libby, Mr arties Gallaghor, Mr Timothy Skeet, David Baxter and the Rev James 1981.

Foreign Affairs Club

Mr Pieter Dankert, MEP, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Foreign Affairs Club held at the Waldorf Hotel last night, Sir the Waldorf Hotel last night, Sir Frank Roberts presided. Other guests included:
Lord Gordon Walker, Lord Greenhin of Harrow, Lorn Bridges, Lord Plowden, Baroness Elies, Mer. Mr. Nell Elies, Professor Rail Dahrendorf, Mr Michael Wheeler Booth, Mr Peter Price, MEP, Dr Adea, Power, Mr E. J. G., Smith, Mr Hugh Corbet, Mr Ian Byatt, Mr Roger Broad, Professor Gerard Curzon, Mr George Scott, Mr Alfred Latham Koenig and Mr W. A. P. Manser.

English-Speaking Union Mr Alan Lee Williams, director general, English-Speaking Union, entertained the following guests at dinner at Darbnouth House

yesterday:
Mr Roy Mason, MP Mr and Mrs
Arminius Halic, Mr N. Sherman, Mr
T. Duffy, Mr J. Godson, Dr P. Duffy,
MP, and Mr D. Griffiths.

Maltese winner of BBC Radio 3 short story prize

By Alan Hamilton
Mr Sean Virgo, aged 39, a Malteseborn freelance writer living in
London, has won the £1,000 first
prize in the BBC Radio 3 short

conton, has won the 21,000 thist prize in the BBC Radio 3 short story contest, which attracted more than 7,500 entries. Mr Virgo's entry, entitled Interact, is set in Wales and concerns a reladionship between two young people growing up.

The judges' choice was disputed at the weekend by the panel of the Radio 3 programme, Critics' Forum, who thought the best entry to be the second prizewinner, Mrs Sheena MacKay, aged 35, a housewife, of Reigare, Surrey. She won £300 with her entry, The Stained Glass Door.

The third prize of £200 went to Mrs Jill Anders, of London, the wife of a novelist, for her story, Where the Sun Falls.

Bridge double by Surrey partners By Our Bridge

By Our Bridge
Correspondent
G. Hunt and R. Plumley, of
Surrey, achieved a notable double
at the Croydon bridge congress
last weekend by winning the Championship pairs and, in partnership
with emother Surrey pair, J. M.
W. Bowen and A. Scott, the Championship teams: 1, J. M. W.
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Bowen, A. Scott, G. Hunt, R. Plumley
(Surrey); 2, Mr and Mrs E. Dodd,
Mrs M. Smith, G. Chamberlin (Sus36X).
Championship pairs: 1, G. Hunt, R.
Plumley; 2, R. K. Ingston, G. F. Hibbert (Surrey): 3, J. Comingworth,
C. Elliott (Kent).
C. Euliott (Kent).
Dodd (Sussex): 3, Mrs F. Sievens and
C. M. Surryanamuno (Hertfordshire).

Latest appointments

Lord Flowers, Miss Jozuna Drew, Mr Michael Grand and Mr Thomas Neurath are to be members of the council of the Royal College of Art, succeeding Miss Jocelyn Herbert, Sir William Pile and Sir Charles Troughton. Other appointments include: Mr T. J. Rix, chief executive of the Longman group, as vice-president-elect of the Publishers Association, succeeding Mr Graham C. Greene, managing director of Jonathan Cape Ltd.

Correction

rurate. St Mary's, Portsea, diocret of Portsmouth, to be vicar of Badgeworth with Shurdington, diocese of Gioucceler.

The Rev B. Keeton, vicar of Howden, priest-in-charge of Barmby on the Marsh, priest-in-charge of Wrester, priest-in-charge of Laxino with Blackton and ocumented advisor in the microse of Vork, to be return of Howden diocese of Vork, to be return of Howden town ministry, and in continuous as ecumenical advisor in the diocese. The Rev B. Keeton of St. Thomas and St. Didham.

The Rev D. K. W. Stevenson, diocese of Laxino for the chaptain to the diocese of Manchester and town ministry, and in continuous as ecumenical advisor in the diocese. The Rev B. Keeton of St. Giller, The Rev B. Wood, vicar of St. Bardford-on-Tone, diocese of Bath and Contributions to the fund to be set up in memory of Mrs Katharine Esdaile should be made it was fair that the Government should bear the cost. Those years of emergency have long been over. Fifteen years after the war the unhappiest relic of emergency legislation now remaining will have been scrapped. It is none too soon.

Katharine Esdaile should be made payable to The Orton Trust (Esdaile) and sent to the National Westminster Bank Limited either at High Street, Kettering, Northamptonshire, or High Street, Stamford, Lincolnshire. The address of the bank was incorrectly stated on January 29.



Claudio Abbado (right), principal conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra, on his first visit to the 2,000-seat Barbican concert hall, due to open next year. On the left is Mr Anthony Camden the orchestra's chairman.

Frederick the Great porcelain snuffbox realizes a record £11,200

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
A Berlin porcelain souffbox with
gold mounts and a portrait of
Frederick the Great painted on Frederick the Great painted on the inside of the lid was sold for \$11,200 (estimate 58,000-£10,000) at Christie's yesterday, an auction record price for any product of the Berlin porcelain factory. It was bought by Wimifred Williams, the London dealer.

The box presents something of a historical mystery. Its close association with Frederick the Great is clear; in addition to the portrait, the exterior is painted

portrait, the exterior is painted with cupids playing variously with architectural, musical and scientific instruments, reflecting the king's interests. Some similar portrait boxes are recorded in the Rosenborg Castle collection in

In recent times, however, the box had been an unconsidered possession of a Hampshire family. possession of a Hampshire family. There seems to be no explanation of how it may have arrived in their hands. It was shown to a Christie's director, Hugo Morlet-Fletcher, in the course of televising an Antiques Road Show programme in Camberley.

The sale of Continental porcelain, the first of the season at Christie's, showed strong prices for all items in good condition,

Pleces that were reoffered, having failed to sell last autumn, were often fetching 20 per cent to 30 per cent more than their buy-in

Among the rare items were two Meissen figures of miners, both originally part of a single centrepiece containing many figures. A handsomely dressed standing figure sold for £13,000 (estimate £5,500 to £5,500) and a seated figure with chisel and hammer made £3,000 (estimate £3,500 to £4,500). £4,500).

The owner's great-grandfather had apparently owned a complete example of the centreplece but broke it up to share out among his descendants. It is believed that one complete example still example complete example. Survives somewhere in Germany.
The figures were modelled by
J. J. Kändler and P. Reinicke, and
date from about 1750.

More ordinary pieces in good More ordinary pleces in good condition also made top prices; a Sèrres yellow-ground coffee cup and saucer made £550 (estimate £150 to £200) and a Tournai shaped oval dish of about 1765, painted in colours with a bedroom interior, made £1,000 (estimate £400 to £500). The sale totalled £125,015, with 6 per cent unsold.

At Sotheby's a sale of printed deconter described in good decontrol of the proposal of the sale at time-stained impression of Francois Miller's famous etching, "The Gleaners", took the anctioneers by surprise when it sold for £980 (estimate £55) to an unnamed London dealer. The sale totalled £14,974, with 6 per cent unsold.

books totalled £132,657, with 13 per cent, or 42 out of 305 lots, unsold. A single leaf from a 1470 printing of Thomas Aquinas by Conrad Sweynheym and Arnold Panuartz in Rome sold for £8,500 (estimate £6,000 to £10,000) to a German private collector.

Leggart's, the Duke Street pic-

German private collector.
Leggatt's, the Duke Street plcture dealers, bought two lots for an English client: Das Deutsche Bundesheer, containing 401 lithographic plates of uniforms (1338-43) at 58,000 (estimate 53,000 to 55,000) and Dodwell's Views in Greece (1812) at 55,500 (estimate 52,000 to 53,000).
Sotheby's also held a sale of

realized remarkably high prices on this occasion. One, of about 1794, by Mrs Isabella Beetham, ratching the attractive Miss Stephenson in profile in a décolleté dress and straw hot with sporting ribbons, made £680 (estimate £300-£400).

22,000 to 13,000).
Someby's also held a sale of portrait miniatures and silhouettes, totalling £25,239, with 4 per cent unsold. It was the silhouettes that

of the political life in which she later became involved she found and family.

Science report

Research: American budget boost

From Clive Cookson. of The Times Higher Education Supplement,

Washington President Carter proposed a 13 per cent increase in Federal support for research and development in the budget for the 1981 financial year, which he has sent to Congress. That would allow 4 per cent and growth if the Admiris. cent real growth if the Adminis-tration's latest estimate of 9 per cent inflation over the coming vear is correct.

The budget requests \$36,100m The budget requests \$36,100m for all research and development in the fiscal year 1981 (which starts next October). Basic research would receive \$5,100m, an increase of 12 per cent, or 3 per cent in real terms.

However, the overall figures conceal a desire by the Administration to move support away from the life sciences and medical research towards the physical sciences, mathematics and engineering.

gineering.
Dr Frank Press, the President's science adviser, said the shift was necessary to redress the balance after a long period in which re-sources had been moving in the opposite direction.
Since 1967 federal support for the physical sciences has declined by 13.5 per cent to real terms, while funds for biomedical re-search have increased by 19 per

Therefore the National Insti-tute of Health, the Government's main agency for biomedical re-search, is to receive \$3,400m in 1981, only 5 per cent more than this year. It remains to be seen whether Congress will approve

Appointments
The Rev L. S. R. Aitken, ruralein-charge of All Saints, Wythe, dioceso
of Wortester, to be rector of St Peter.
Blackley, diocese of Manchester,
The Roy J. F. Beckham, rector of
Lawford, diocese of Chelmsford, to be
vicar of Grest with Little Chesterford,
same diocese.
The Rev M. C. S. Beyer, diocesan
missioner, diocuse on the Niger, in
be priest-in-charge of Elmstoad, diocese
of Chelmsford.
The Rev J. A. P. Booth, rector of
St James, Gorton, diocese of Manchester, to be rector of St Thomae,
Anostie, Bradwell, diocese of Chelmsford.

of All Salais and Martyre, Lander, diocess of Manchester, to be vicar of St Aldan, Lower Korsal, Sallord, same

St Aidan, Lower Korsal, Sallord, same diocese Rev N. Claob, assistant curate of St. Aiban, Burnley, diocese of Blackburn, to be rector of Holy Trinity. Blackbev, diocese of Manchester. The Rev R. H. Cossiett, assistant curate of St. Mary with St. Michael and Ali Saints. Shrewsbury, diocese of Lichfield, to be vicar of Smallthorne, same diocese.

Canon A. C. R. Deedes, rector of Bournomouth town centre narish, diocese of Winchester, to be master of St. Cross Hospital and vicar of St. The Rev B. J. Everett, rector of Overscale and Vicar of Luilington, diocese of Derby, to be prejes-in-charter of Longstone, same diocese.

The Rev W. E. Foster, vicar of All

of Lillington, inderest of Longstone, same diocase.

The Rev W. E. Foster, view of All Souls Witton, diocase of Elimington, to be priest-in-charge of Croxton-willi Broughton and Adapton, diocase of Lichfield.

The Rev R. M. Haines, assistant curato of Howden, diocese of York, to be team view of Newport in Howden isam ministry, same diocase.

The Rev A. H. M. Higgs, adult education of liter for the diocese of Lincoln, to be view of Nowessite, The Rev J. B. Hunnisett, assistant curate, 8t Mary's Portses, diocree of Portsmouth, to be view of Badgeworth with Shurdington, diocese of Gloucoster.

The Rev B. Keeton, view of Howden.

Church news

research and development expen-increase to \$16,600m. Most of that money is devoted to weapons technology; fullscale development of the N-X intercontinental ballis-tic missile and the air-launched cruise missiles will be particularly expensive next year. But the Pentagon's basic research budget will be up 21 per cent to \$523m

next year.

The National Science Foundation, which supports fundamental research in all fields of science research in an news or science and engineering, is also troated generously, with a 17 per cent increase to \$1,056m in 1981. Engineering (up 20 per cent) and computer sciences (up 30 per cent) are to get the biggest shares of the extra allocation. the extra allocation.
The \$5.600m National Acro-

The \$5,600m National Acronautics and Space Administration (NASA) budget remains overburdened by the development costs of the space shuttle, which has run into formidable technical problems with its heat shielding the and its propulsion system.

The Government was special gov problems with its fleat shelding tiles and its propulsion system.

Nasa is requesting 51,900m, which is \$800m more than it estimated a year ago, for the shuttle in 1981. Dr Robert Frosch, the agency's administrator, said there was a reasonably good chance that the first shuttle would be launched before the end of this year (which would be tron-and-ayear (which would be two-and-a-half years behind the original schedule).

Because of the cost over-runs

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of Hois Innocent's, Kingsbury, same diocese.

The Rev T. Preston, chaplain/social worker for the deaf in East Sussex, to be team vicar in the team ministry of All Saints, Pavement with St Crux and St Martin with St Helen and St Donys, he charge of St Denys, with special responsibility for ministry to the deaf, diocess of York, The Rev G. S. Richardson, assistant Chaple of St Barnatas, Woodford Green, diocese of Cholmslord, to be vicar of Goodmayes, St Paul, same diocese of the Rev Leavent Control of Communications of Communicati

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what amounts to a real decline in support for what is such a politically popular activity.

On the other hand, the Department of Defence, which consumes nearly half of the Government's research and development expenditure, will receive a 20 ner cent indicate. pulsion system, which would be needed to send a spacecraft to intercept Halley's Comet in 1985. That mission is in effect dead.

One of the projects that Nasa will be starting next year is a gamma ray observatory, to be put into Earth orbit in 1985, which should provide astronomers with much more information about high energy phenomena such as quasars, pulsars and radio-galaxies. The other is the national occanic

atellite system. Nasa's first joint venture with the Defence Department. It will supply a huge range of data about the oceans for both military and civilian purposes, from anti-submarine warfare to weather forecasting.

The 1981 budget initiates two long-term research pojects in colong-term research projects in co-operation with industry. The government will spend \$300m over the next 10 years, matched by \$500m from the car manufacturers, on a "basic automotive research" project. The primary aim is

to getting the oil companies to support a \$700m drilling programme, also over 10 years, to explore the world's ocean margins, the Earth's crust between the conthental shelf and the deep ocean abyss. The Government-owned ship, Glomar Explorer, will be equipped to drill 20,000ft beneath the sea bed in 13,000ft of water.

chester, to be priest-in-charge of St Michael, Lumb, Rossendale, samo diocree. Canal. Rosendate. Samo diocree.

The Rev M. L. Woodhall, priest-incharge of St Mary with St Peler. Bishop Wearmouth, diocese of Durham. St Caprian Leads. diocese of Ripon. St Caprian Leads. diocese of Ripon. on resigning from the canonery of Bedford Major.

The Rev J. R. Bowen, tutor at St Paul's United Theological College, Limiru, Kenya, to be director of postoral studies, St John's College, Nottingnam. pastoral studies. St Joune Williams.
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The Rev P. A. Louis, deptry beed of the Henry Mellish comprehensive school, Notingnam. to be head of the Shire Cost Church of England comprehensive school, Coventry, from August. The Rev G. Neville, principal lecturer in Religious Sindles, Eastbourne College of Education, to be diocesse of Lincoln.

The Rev L. H. Rhodes has permission to officiate, diocesse of Manchester.

Edwardes Collego, Peshawar, diocese of Lahoro.

The Rev P. F. Sertin, vicar of Chorley Wood, diocese of St Albans, to be chaplain of St Michael's Clurch, Parla, diocese of Fulham and Cibrallar.

The Rev C. D. Souliton assistant curste at Shrub End. diocese of Choimsford, to be priest-in-charge of Choimsford, to be priest-in-charge of Crost Bentley, same diocese.

The Rev A. W. Szwyer, rector of Colkirk w Chwick, Whitsomsekt and Monlington, diocese of Norwich, to be also priest-in-charge of St Bartholomew.

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Overseas Appointments:

The Ray K. Bray. curate of Worle. diocese of Bath and Wolls, February Problem R. A. Clark, as chairman of the discosan youth committee.

The Rev A J. Cowel, vicar of Philipsyell. Si Peter. discose of Choimsford (April 14).

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Resignations

father was a doctor and as a girl she frequently drove with him on his rounds and became familiar at an impressionable age with the squalor of many of the streets and homes in southeast London at the beginning of the century. She decided to become a doctor herself and after education and training at King's College and the Charing Cross Hospital she qualified in 1924 and began to practise. In the following year she married Dr E. Jeffrey Samuel-whom she had met as a student at her see nad mer as a student at her medical school—and this was the beginning of a particularly happy partnership, domestic and professional. Formidable femin-ist as she was, Edith Summer-skill was a devoted wife and mother and amid all the turnoil

House of Commons in 1938 until she became Minister of National Insurance in 1945 she carried

on a busy medical practice in

London as well as her work as a Labour MP. This was made a little more easy for her because her husband was also a doctor

and her medical partner. In all that she did Edith Summerskill

was supremely efficient and if people sometimes winced at the

sharpness of her tongue they

were soon conscious of the warm humanity behind the public image of the ardent feminist. This owed not a little to her

personal appearance and mis-chievous smile. Tall and gifted

with good looks, she liked to attribute both her surname and

her blood to Viking ancestors. Edith Clara Summerskill was born in London on April 19, 1901, the daughter of William and Edith Summerskill. Her

OBITUARY

BARONESS SUMMERSKILL

Former Labour Minister and

her main happiness in her home She became a member of the Middlesex County Council in 1934 and served on that body for seven years. At the same time she was attracted to national politics. Using her maiden name for public and political purposes she contested a Parliamentary by-election at Putney in 1934 as a Labour candidate.

To everybody's surprise the young woman doctor reduced the Conservative majority in Having failed again to secure election at Bury in 1935 she berlain's foreign policy was be- Bill. coming acutely controversial and the by-election result was an event of some political sig-nificance. With two children, a son and a daughter, and her medical practice to attend to Dr Summerskill still found time to devote to Parliamentary work. She was deeply interested in all aspects of the social services, but more particularly in all those affecting the health and well-being of women and children. In 1944 she was elected a member of the Labour

Party's national executive committee. When Mr Attlee formed his first Labour Government in 1945 he appointed Edith Sum-merskill Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, under John Strachey. In those days of austerity and food rationing this was an important post. With her customary competence she did this job well and in response to all the response to all the properties. and in response to all the sniping about food rationing at
question time in the Commons
she more than held her own.
In 1949—in which year she was
made a Privy Councillor—Dr 1974-79.



Summerskill had what she liked Summerskill had what she fixed to call her finest hour", when she introduced legislation to ensure that all milk sold for human consumption conformed with specified; standards of purity. She believed that infected milk had been the cause of much surgical inherculosis. of much surgical inherculosis.

among children. Dr Summerskill remained at the Ministry
of Food throughout the 1945-50

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On the formation of the next Labour Government in 1950 she was appointed to a senior office as Minister of National Insurance. This gave full scope to her concern for the social ser-vices and she applied herself to administering and improving the State insurance schemes with zeal and enthusiasm. Her short Ministerial career ended with the return of the Conserva-tives to power in 1951. In 1955 her constituency of West Ful-ham disappeared in a reshaping Parliamentary constituen cies; but in the general election of that year she was re-elected ber for Warrington. In 1954 she was elected to serve for a year as chairman of the national ex-ecutive committee of the Labour Party, which made her the

party's national chairman.
As an ex-Minister in Opposi-tion Edith Summerskill took a prominent part in debates on social service subjects. She was a member of the Labour Party's Shadow Cabinet up to 1957 and although she then lost her seat on the Parliamentary Commit-tee she regained it in the following year. Apart from the main themes of debate she was a persistent champion of such causes as equal rights and pay for women, birth control, pain-less childbirth, wages for wives and the right of wives to have a fair share of their husbands' property. She also campaigned vehemently against professional boxing and held that there was much medical evidence to support her view that punches to

the head could cause permanent damage to the brain.

She debated the subject in public with a well-known boxing promoter and wrote a book that stronghold by 18,000 votes. The Ignoble Art (1956), in which she stigmatized boxing. In 1960 she sought leave in the by being returned as Labour a Bill to prohibit professional MP for West Fulham at a by-election. She wrested this seat a decisive knock-out to this profrom the National Government ject by a vote of 120 to 17 at the time when Neville Cham- against leave to introduce the

> In 1961 Dr Summerskill was created a life peeress, as Baroness Summerskill of Ken Wood. She was a valuable re-cruit to the Labour Party in the House of Lords and she continued there to battle for women's causes and interests. as well as to play her part in the general work of the House. Among her notable successes in the Lords were her conclusion, in 1964, of a 20-year campaign with the Married Women's Property Act, entitling wives to a half share in any joint savings of a marriage; and the Marrimonial Howes Act of 1967 which ensured the right of a wife to occupy a dwelling house which had been a matrimonial

In 1966 this lively individualist and public-spirited woman was made a Companion Henour. She will rank high among women pioneers of the

Labour Party.

Her daughter Dr the Hon
Shirley Summerskill. MP for Halifax was Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Home Office,

PROFESSOR LESLIE ZISMAN

Professor Leslie Zisman, sion to the Tate Gallery.

FIMechE, FCIBS, who died sudHe set the highest technical denly on February 1 at the age of 51, was a gifted engineer and an inspiring teacher. After completing his apprenticeship with Babcock and Wilcox he entered the unfashionable field of building services are presented. ing services engineering and worked as a designer in the public and private sectors of the building industry. In 1958, he founded his own practice which later became Zisman Bowyer and Partners. His first major project began

in 1962 when he was appointed consultant for all the engineering services of the new building for Brunel University. This was the first of many similar appointments for educational institutions, including new buildings for Keble College, Oxford, the Universities of Durham and of Bath, the City University, Manchester Polytechnic several colleges and

schools, His designs were always sound, highly practical and far-sighted and his proposals for energy conservation measures in buildings anticipated the oil and fuel crises by many years.

He gained the respect and close friendship of leading architects and his practice was involved in a wide range of industrial, com-mercial and public buildings in-cluding the World's End hous-ing scheme in Chelsea, the Hill-ington and Wellarth ingdon and Wolverhampton Civic Centres, the Army and Navy Stores, the Great Ormond Screet and National hospitals.

He set the highest technical and professional standards for himself and those around him and did much to improve the standing of building services engineers. In his forties he found time to write a scholarly thesis on a programmatical has thesis on communications be-tween the various building professions, and for this he was awarded an MPhil degree by the University of Resding:

He enjoyed teaching and was closely involved in the academic life of Brunel University for many years, being appointed Associate Professor in 1978. As a tutor he was exacting but petient and unstinning of the time he devoted to his students.

He had a great love of the English tanguage and was a prodigious reader, able to complete half a dozen books in what piete naif a dozen books in what kittle spare time a single week would yield. When congratulated on gaining an Open University degree—in the humanities—he belittled his achievement by explaining that he was familiar with most of the recommended hooks hefers he recommended books before he started the course. Recently, he advised a student about the style he should adopt in writing a technical report by saying:

"Go to the library. Take from the shelves any novel by Jane Austen and read the first sentence."

He was a Fellow of the Insti-maion of Mechanical Engineers, and of the Chartered Institution of Building Services.

new premises for the Oxford He leaves a widow, a son and University Press and the extentioned daughters.

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Jobbers

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on foreign

deals ruling

Bq Peter Wainwright
Jobbers will probably be disappointed with the outcome of today's debate of the 46-member Stock Exchange Council led by Nicholas Goodison about restrictions on winning business overseas in the afternath of the abolition of exchange controls. Jobbers are allowed to deal

Stock markets FT Index 445.7 down 2.1 FT Gilts 65.81 down 0.64

■ Sterling \$2,2855 up 1.15 cents . Index 72.3 up 0.3

Index 85.2 unchanged

■ Gold

\$667 down 10.5 · · **■** Money

3 mth sterling 174 to 177 3 mth Euro-\$ 14 to 14 to 6 mth Euro-\$ 1416 to 1416

IN BRIDE

MPs still seek tough limits on **US fibres**

EEC backing for measures to curb American synthetic fibre imports into Britain is likely to be sought in Brussels today if as expected, the Council of Ministers rejects the case for

Trade ministers were completing proposed quotes against a background of a rising clamour by MPs for swift and tough

Mr Barry Jones, Labour MP for Flint East, said that "devastating damage" had been caused by the cheap American imports. About 500 jobs at a Deeside mill in Flint depended upon urgent action being taken. Fibre manufacturers, including ICI and Courtaulds, have armounced several thousand redundancies in the past 12

Highland pulp mill

Final studies are to start on a £100m project to produce newsprint from Scottish timber at the Wiggins Teape mill at Fort William. The plant, a joint venture with Consolidated Bathurst Inc of Montreal, would replace the chemical pulp mill at Fort William, which is due to close making half the 900 workforce redundant.

Bulgaria deal

ICI has signed a protocol covering technical cooperation with Bulgaria. Projects under consideration include a polypropylene film plant, now being discussed by Sim-Chem, a British contractor, working under licence from ICI.

Gilmore liquidation

Gilmore and Partners (Smithfield), the London meat com-pany which was put into voluntary liquidation after it col-laused in early December with debts totalling £1,500,000. has heen compulsorily wound up in the High Court. Opposing creditors are to apply to the Official Receiver for the Exponential Receiver for the Exponent of a special manager to provide "continuity of the company's business".

Rowntree cutback

Many of the 14,000 workers at Rowntree Mackintosh are facing redundancies, reduced working hours and a ban on overtime because of dearer raw materials and falling demand. At the Halifax factory 3,500 will be on a four-day week from next Monday.

Lonrho profits down

Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland's Lonrho group saw pre-tax profits tumble from £93.6m to £84m in the year to September 30. This was in spite of a leap from 59.6m to £31m in profits from mining and refining as a result of soaring gold and platinum

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Poland sells Tovotas

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Poland has become the first eastern block country to sell Japanese automobiles on its domestic market, but the Japanese cars—Toyota Corollas and Mazdas—will only be sold for "hard" western currency, with a 1,300cc engine selling for \$4,910 (£2,144) and a Mazda with the same capacity engine for \$4,530.

Telecom sector to carry Post Office pension fund £1,250m debt

The huge deficit, incurred before the Post Office was given commercial status in 1969, is to he borne by the new telecommunications organization after

this has been split from the postal and Giro service. It means that from the outset the new telecommunications corporation must find heavy monthly interest charges and

eventually repay the debt.

The deficiency, which resulted partly from a mistake in the notional valuation of inherited assets when the Post Office Corporation was formed, has long been a bone of contention. The Post Office, its users' consultative group and the unions main-tained that the shortfall should be made good by the Government while the Government stand has been that users should pay the costs.

The eventual solution has been to set up a deed of covenant under which repayment of the principal is deferred until 1985-86. However, the arrangement also provides for interest payments to be paid monthly to the trustees of the Post Office Staff Superannuation Fund.

Interest is calculated on the basis of funding the £1,250 million liability over 14 years at an interest rate equivalent to

141 per cent a year.
Mr Charles Beauchamp, the
Post Office director responsible for finance and corporate planning, has told a select commit-tees of MPs that responsibility for both the interest charges and the principal will pass to the new telecommunications

corporation He said the arrangement enabled the debt to be paid by instalments and could save the user the equivalent of ip on postage and about ap on telephone calls.

The Post Office's reasoning ship with the was that the more profitable regard last year telecommunications service— a special case.

By Patricia Tisdall

Management Correspondent

The profitable telecommunications business of the Post
Office is to carry the burden of a f1.250m deficit in the Post
Office staff pension fund. An arrangement has been found enabling the debt to be paid by instalments.

Which last year recorded a surplus of £347m—was better equipped to carry the cost than the postal business.

By paying interest charges only the Post Office has been able to cut its annual pension deficiency contributions by more than half.

A suggestion of the Carter Review Committee was that part

Review Committee was that part of the pension fund's investments could be fixed term loans to the Post Office itself. This, it felt, could help the Post Office and make the fund more man-

ageable. In its report the committee described the fund as a "confused and sorry story" where "truth is very much stranger than fiction". It recommended abandoning the "hopeless" task of making up the deficiency and accepting the principle that users in each year pay the pensions attributable to the workforce of that year.

workforce of that year.
As a result of the recomm dation the pension fund was able to cover part of the cash flow deficit caused by the holdup in telephone bill payments last

The Treasury gave permission for £50m from the pension fund to be lent to the corporation by issuing a special six-month debenture. At the time Mr Fred Davis, the funds secretary, stressed that this was a "short-term tactic" rather than a general strategy.

However, it is understood that agreement in principle was reached with the previous Government for the Post Office to create a new interest-bearing security. This would easily the security. This would enable the pension fund to hold a stake in the corporation's loan capital and could provide a way of paying off the deficit.

The proposal was regarded as highly controversial because public companies and coopera-tive societies are strictly restricted in using employees. pension funds as a form of selfinvestment.

The loan plan is still being discussed. Certainly the pension fund managers are still acutely sensitive about their relationship with their parent and regard last year's £50m loan as

Small investors likely to complete BP shares offer

British Petroleum's £290m share offer to woo small investors reaches its final stage tomorrow when successful subscribers who wish to complete their share purchases have to pay the outstanding 213p a share. Most subscribers are expected to take up their

spite of considerable publicity, the issue was only about one and a half times oversubscribed. But investors who asked for 1,100 shares or less were given all they wanted. Since then they have experienced some of the joys

rights.

The offer, made last November, was 80 million shares at 363p each, 150p of which was payable immediately. In

of the stock market, perhaps People more familiar to bigger second investors. The price of the rights.

partly-paid shares fell to 128p at one stage, and rose to a high of 180p. They closed yesterday at 150p, compared with 350p for the old fully-paid shares.

Some small investors lost heart, and their shares were snapped up by institutions which wanted to weight their portfolios away from the other oil majors. But with BP's 1979 net income likely to exceed comfortably the previous year's £444m, it is thought in the City that most shareholders will not be put off by the fact that the tracking price for all the shares will be almost the same as the offer price.

At 350p the old shares yield 5.5 per cent. The new shares will trade nil paid until the end of the present account. People who do not pay the second instalment lose their

Retail sales downturn

By John Whitmore Retail sales in December were lower than the provisional estimate released on January 14 had suggested. The final seasonally adjusted index of the volume of retail sales for the month stands at 112.4, down 17 points on the revised final 1.2 points on the revised final

figure for November.
Although both the November and December figures were well up on other months since well up on other months since the June Budget, the overall level of sales for the final quarter of the year was about i per cent down on the average monthly figure from April to September. Sales for the full year were about 3 per cent

below the annual average for The main advance during 1979 was made by durable goods. Sales rose by 5 per cent, partly because of the pre-VAT increase spending spree in June; food, clothing and footweer shops had a 2 per cent

Airhough the volume of retail sales was down for the whole year, total lending by finance houses, other specialist consumer credit granters and retailers rose by 21 per cent during the year, but new credit extended in December was ower than in recent months.

GEC outbids Racal with £82.5m offer for Decca but offer raises monopoly question

Py Andrew Goodrick-Clarke Financial Editor Racal remained silent after General Electric Company yes-terday delivered its £82.5m cash Counter bid for Decca. There are apparently no plans for the board of Racal, which has a £65m equity bid for Decca on the table, to meet this week.

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Attention now turns to the Office of Fair Tracking and whether Mr Gordon Borrie, its Director General, will recommond to Mr John Nott, the Secretary of State for Trade, that GEC's intervention warrants reference to the Monopolics Commission.

Clearly, an amalessmann of

develop stronger units to com-pete internationally is another matter.

Debenhams

£20m credit

Debenhams has set up a £20m

growing proportion of its retail sales that are made on credit.

Debenhams will hold 10 per cent of the equity of the new company, Welbeck Finance, and the other shareholders, who

have put up only nominal amounts of capital, are Lifeguard Assurance, three merchant banking groups—Rothschilds, Samuel Montagu and Charterhouse, and stockbrokers

Initially Welbeck will take over the retail credit operations

now carried out through Debenbams Finance, which have grown from £55m in 1977 to

grown from £55m in 197/ 10 almost £100m and now account for 17½ per cent of the group's turnover and as much as 25 per cent of sales in its 74 department stores. These include Harvey Nichols and Swan and Edgar in London, and Browns of Chester.

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will build on Debenhams's ex-

pertise in the credit field and

develop as an independent com-

pany handling the credit busi-

sales are made on credit in this

operations will come from a 565m acceptance facility from

Rothschild and a £20m overdraft

from Lloyds Bank. Part of the reason for the

move is to relieve some of the pressure on Debenhams balance

sheet, where borrowings have risen sharply to fund its mount-

risen snarply to rund its mounting credit sales, and the Welbeck move will take £20m off overall debt.

Faced with an indifferent profits record, Mr Robert Thornton, chairman-designate of Debandams. her hear calling

Debenhams, has been selling

stores are also about to go,

sets up

company

Banking Correspondent

By Ronald Pullen

W. Greenwell.

Clearly, an amalgamation of GEC's Marconi interests and those of Decca represents a technical domestic monopoly in defence electronics but whether the minister will feel that it operates against the pub-lic interest for Britain to

A quick decision from Mr Borrie's office seems likely. Apart from the present Gov-ernment's inclination to speed up monopolies procedure, up monopolies procedure, Whitehall departments and the National Enterprise Board have been closely involved in the possibility of rationalization in the electronics sector for

At one stage Racal and Plessey talked in detail with the NEB about the possibilities of an amalgamation with parts of Plessey. This idea is believed to have foundered on presenting interest. personality issues.
This should mean there is

plenty of information available in official files on the effects of Decca's going into either Racal or GEC or, indeed, whether this bid marks the start of the long-awaited rationalization of the electronics sector.
That prospect could involve
both Plessey and Ferranti, the
latter still 50 per cent owned
by the NEB.

Recycling oil surpluses may well prove more difficult after

the latest oil price rises than it did in 1974, according to Mr Gordon Richardson, Governor

Mr Richardson, who was speaking yesterday at the annual dinner of the Overseas

Bankers Club, outlined the problems for the banking

system which he said were bound to arise with the need to

recycle the huge oil surpluses

expected this year and in the

He also appeared to criticize America's financial measures against Iran, and implied that

both the Presidential freeze of

official Iranian assets and the

declaration of default by Chase Manhattan Bank on an

Iranian syndicated loan had had

unfortunate reprecussions on

the banking system at a time

when it was needed to under-take an enormous recycling

Herr Karl Otto Pöhl, presi-

dent of the German central bank, echoed some of Mr Richardson's concern over the

present economic and financial

that the growing indebtedness

the future, threatened the stability of the world's political,

economic and monetary system.

of the countries which were liable to run into balance of

payments problems because of

the recent oil price rises already had large debts out-

One problem was that many

ness of other retail stores, present economic and financial Around 10-15 per cent of retail outlook. He said at the dinner

country compared with up to of some countries, the huge 50 per cent in the United States.

Debenhams has put up £20m for Welbeck's capital and the balance needed to its credit possibility of oil shortages in

of the Bank of England.

Racal is content to let the matter lie for a few days—it is not due to send out its official offer document until February 15—and may not make any response to GEC's bid until

GEC's offer is 500p for each Decca ordinary share and 400p for each "A" non-voting share. This is in cash, although there will be an alternative to overcome capital gains tax liability by Decca shareholders of convertible unsecured loan stock There are also cash offers for Decca's preference capital.
GEC points out that it has

long association with Decca and that both have complementary ranges of equipment. A com-bination, GEC argues, would lead to a substantial expansion of business, particularly over-Racal must now decide

whether to adjust its terms both to match GEC or better it and to meet the advantage of

willingness of banks to lend more, increasing their inter-

national exposure. A new prob-lem was that many international

banks had been constrained, by pressure on their internal ratios of own funds to deposit liabili-

ties, from increasing their inter-national business much further.

There had been reports of their

unwillingness to accept new deposits from oil rich countries.

Another problem was that the oil surpluses might persist

longer this time than they did

in 1974. Herr Pobl said that

Opec countries might decide to

keep back more oil rather than

vest in financial assets whose

value would be eroded by in-

Mr Richardson outlined several points which be suggested could ease the recycling problem. Both he and Herr Pohl

stressed the importance of the International Monetary Fund.

Its resources were much too small to allow it to take on the

main burden of redistributing

money between countries with a

surplus and those with a deficit But the IMF now had a lot of money available for lending— about \$40,000m (£17,620m) according to Herr Pöhl—and its

lending capacity would be in-creased by \$20,000m with the

private banking system, by im-

private banks.

Mr Richardson said the IMF

countries in deficit. The fund

should look at new ways of was the raising money for lending to 1980s.

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tries seeking loans.

borrowing countries.

harder to recycle than in 1974,

Bank of England chief says

Oil surpluses likely to be

ture of equity and cash or to arrange underwriting of its shares in the offer.

Institutions could be wary of doing this. Recently, when Thorn arranged underwriting of its offer for EMI, stareholders opted for the cash and left the underwriters with large lines of Thorn stock.

The stockmarket, meanwhile, hedged its bets. Racal's shares shaded by 4p to 220p, given the strain they may have to take. Decca, back from suspension, ended at 487p for the ordinary and 384p for the "A", below the GEC terms but reflecting the chances of a monopolies

steady at 131p.

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should be continued, according to Mr Richardson. A reinforce-

ment of the soundness of the international banking system

basis for growth in its financing

on expansion by boosting prof-

its from international business could encourage more

banks to enter the international

loans market. There should also

be bigger differentials between bigh and low risk loans. New techniques for lending,

including a reform of the syn-dication loan agreements were

needed urgently. The existing

procedures for syndicated medi-tan term credits had been strained by the Chase declara-tion of default.

The reference to the Ameri-

reminder that banking rela-

can freeze of assets came with

tionships rested on a founda-tion of confidence, which had

been shaken by recent, essentially political events.

Herr Pöhl said that the Deutsche mark could not replace the dollar as the world's

The recent tendency of loan

capacity.

Jobbers are allowed to deal on the Stock Exchange only with member firms. They are not allowed to ac tas agents, just as stockbrokers are forbidden to act as principals. For six years, there have been demands for jobbers to be given greater access to foreign institutions. In inter-Ferranti, which some suggest will be the next bid target, gained 20p to 490p, while Plessey, which is considered to national markets the double role is usual. the long-term prize, held

These demands have, however, met with resistance from brokers with international business. Today's debate comes after a heated three-hour discussion on December 4 when the Council could in theory agree only to "closer contact between jobbers and registered to the council could be tween jobbers and registered to the council could be tween jobbers and registered to the council c



chairman

This was described simply as the "preferred route", and the Council decided that it would tions of following this route ". The Council duly asked the Committee for Commissions and Dealings to draft amendments to the rules on the basis of which the Council can come to a decision."

This was to see if a register of approved market makers. such as licensed dealers with whom the jobbers could buy and sell could be set up outside the Stock Exchange. There appears to have been

main reserve currency, although Germany reluctantly had had to accept an increase in the role of the mark. He called for vigour in the battle against indifficulty in compiling such a flation, particularly in the United States. He also called among some members. The list posing economic conditions on United States. He also called borrowing countries. These for action to find alternative was to consist only of reputable institutions, and presum-ably exclude those already would reduce the risk for sources of energy and oil con-private banks. servation. The need to reduce deemed to be customers of brokers with international dependence on imported oil was the main challenge of the business

It will probably be as much as two years before the Stock The alternative to this was: could act as an intermediary global recession, if not a world between the banks and counsilous, accompanied by high accompanied by high its rules before the Restrictive Practices Court. The Court will probably take a year to reach its conclusions and pos-IMF to negotiate on substitution account sibly grant six months or more grace for members to adapt.

Airfix offer refused

The sit-in by workers at the Airfix Industries' Meccano and sacked workers, who have been occupying the plant for 10 weeks, also turned down a revised redundancy pay offer.

The IMF said in Washington countries to swap dollars for a interest rate than the present yesterday it is hoping to new reserve asset could involve SDR and would be more freely negotiate with major nations on some \$20,000m (£8,810m) in usable some of the peripheral interests in recent months including the a plan to stabilize money the initial phase, skhough no Greens photographic business, the Cresta women's shops and the external New Dimension

although it has so far stopped IMF treasure sbort of selling Harvey Nichols, Financial Editor, page 19 permissing

markets by absorbing some of the initial phase, standing to the some asset might eventually be the excess dollars in the world.

Mr Walter O. Habermeir, the IMF treasurer, suggested that a the new asset, which would be so-called substitution account denominated in special drawing permitting 135 member rights, would pay a higher the impactation is that the new asset might eventually be used by consumers to buy and sell goods and services. For the moment, SDRs are used only by

rates of inflation.

The implication is that the

moment, SDRs are used only by

Dinky Toys factory in Liverpool is to continue. About 500 of the

Record level of foreign investment in American enterprises a new York-based research or- the investments in the United now is the entry of the medium building of new plants

From Anthony Hilton

New York, Feb 4 Investment by foreign companies in United States manufacturing enterprises soared to another record in 1979. Overseas concerns announced a total of 437 investments and acquisitions during the year compared with 358 in 1978 and 274 in

these account for about 80 per there rose by 21 per cent in the spending.

I cent of the spending.

Again the trend is firmly uparts third with 69.

Retail sales tables page 22 lished by the Conference Board,

ganization.
The 217 investments for which figures are available interest came from three other totalled \$4,900m (£2,158m), an countries which previously increase of 29 per cent on the figure last year and 69 per cent more than the \$2,900m of the increase acquisitions.

years ago.

For the third year in succes-977. sion West Germany was the Figures for the dollar value most active foreign investor, of these investments are avail- accounting for 83 of the deals, able in only half the cases but Britain remained in second place with 74 investments, 17

But the real upsurge in firms."

the Netherlands, which together accounted for 116 deals as opposed to only 66 two years

Mr David Bauer, author of the report, says that the pattern of investment is also changing. "It used to be only the big firms which were interested in American invest-

and in some cases the small Mr Bauer said that this was

because advice was much more freely available. "American and state governments have been promoting very heavily overseas and the message is getting through, particularly with the dollar so

Perhaps because many com-panies are now well established in the United States, there has also been a slight decline in the number of acquisitions. Instead a growing number of

Most overseas investment is in engineering companies, with electrical and non-electrical fairly evenly split, and chemi-cals. Food is a long way behind in fourth place, followed by stone, clay and glass, and

finally rubber and plastics.

New York and California are easily the most popular loca-tions with Texas in third place. There has, however, been a marked upswing of interest in President Carter's home state of Georgia where the number of deals has grown from five to 22 in the past two years, making

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Plan for London base would be too expensive, trade minister says

No State aid for world commodities centre

Financial help towards establishing London as a world commodities centre has been refused by the Government.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Minister of State for Trade, has written to the executive heads of all commodity organizations in London, and to Mr David Knox, Conservative MP for Leek, who is chairman of the Leek, who is chairman of the World Commodities Centre campaign committee, announc-

ing the decision.

Mr Knox last night described the decision as "short-sighted and very disappointing". But he added: "I believe the door is still slightly open, and I would hope the committee will continue to press the case for the centre.
I hope this is not the end of the road, but we are losing Minister wrote.

Mr Parkinson said that after the campaign committee sugges- having made one round of cuts

now increased to at least £20m He added that the rental income earned by the centre would be unlikely to cover its annual operating costs. Gov-

ernment support would be needed on a much larger scale than originally envisaged. "We might in happier times have been able to explore together other possible schemes which would have involved less of a call on public funds", the

The general economic situation is, however, one in which,

we are forced to consider yet further reductions, many of which will inevitably be in sen-

"I am afraid that we have regretfully had to conclude that, in such circumstances, we cannot commit public money project for a world commodities The scheme already had the

backing of the City which was prepared to match any government support. It is thought that between the Government and the City, around 20-30 per cent of the £20m would have been covered, enough to get the centre under way.

The committee feels the Government's decision is a major blow, particularly as the Labour Government had in principle agreed to back the project.

Wallace Jackson



Mr David Knox: led campaign to promote the centre.

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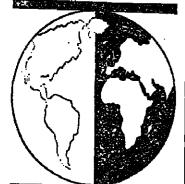
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30th September, 1979 as compared with the same period for the previous year. This improvement has been maintained during the last quarter of the

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All divisions in the Group showed incressed profits in the half year to



Shipping export credit terms ease

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development released full details of the terms and conditions of the revised "understanding on export credits for ships" which became effective on December

1. 1979. The main changes from the previous understanding in 1975 concern the minimum downpaylowered to 20 per cent from 30 per cent—and the maximum duration of credit,

which rises to 8.5 years from 7. Participants considered that although the previous minimum interest rate of 8 per cent net of all charges, should remain the rule, they agreed that "some flexibility may be necessary to take into account existing practices within the Economic Com-

Japan-Iran project

Mr Eimei Yamashita, president of Japan's Iran Chemical Development Co, has reached a basic agreement with Iranian Government officials in Tehran on continuing the 730,000m yen (£1,390,47m) project in Bandar Khomeini which was halted in March, 1979, because of the political unrest,

Italian wages rise

Iraly's automatic escalator rose eight points in the quarter ended in January, compared to six points in 1979. rise adds 19.112 lire (£10.69) a month to February wages. The escalator grants automatic pay rises to help workers keep up with the cost of living.

General Motors' rebate

General Motors is offering a \$500 (£218) rebate designed to clear the inventory of re-maining 1979 models of 50,000 cars and station wagons and 25.000 vans. The credit incentive could cost General Motors about \$37.5m (£16.3m).

Volvo pulls out

Volvo will stop assembling its 244 GL passenger car in Singapore by the end of 1980 after last year's government decision to withdraw preferential treatment for locally assembled cars from August 1980.

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Shell chief predicts economics will push mines into new prominence

Coal 'key energy source' for future

World oil availability is on a plateau. "It is no longer the universally applicable, essentialy cheap and available balancing

fuel that it has been for so long", he

Shell is in the forefront of coal con-

key energy source for many years to come. He estimated that by the end of the century, western Europe could be importing as much as 350 million tonnes

Mr Peter Baxendell, chairman of Shell Transport and Trading, said coal was potentially a highly versatile source of energy and feedstocks. "It is destined by sheer necessity to take the place of oil as the 'swing' fuel for the remaining part of this century and possibly beyond."

(Oil is the present "swing" or "balancing" fuel. Its flexibility of marketing and supply allows it to be easily taken up or cut back according to

demand.) Economics and politics were pushing coal on to the energy stage, and it was essentially cheap and available balancing part in developing coal technology, he

version technology. It recently announced plans to build a 1,000-tonnes-a-day coal gasification plant in the Netherlands. The £70m plant will operate in conjunction with a combined-cycle power station. using both gas and steam turbines. The station is expected to come on stream in December, 1983.

Mr Baxendell, who is also a group managing director of Royal Dutch Shell. said that coal gasification was only a starting point for further synthesis of ammonia, methanol and liquid hydro-

He disclosed that Shell companies were engaged in various coal-related research programmes, including work on coal slurry pipelines, technology for treating

and using slurry particles, reducing the pollution potential of low-grade, high-sulphur coals and recovering coal from waste material,

Speaking to the Coal Industry Society in London, Mr Baxendell said EEC coal production could be expected to increase over the next 20 years by only 50 million tonnes, giving a total output in the year 2000 of 250 million tonnes.

To meet the shortfall anything between 150 and 350 million tonnes of coal would have to be imported.

Development of a new, international coal industry involved investment on a

huge scale, he said. Here, the experience of the oil companies in handling the financial, political and physical complexities of mounting large-scale international projects would be of considerable value.

John Huxley

Fibre optics 'village' test urged

The Post Office Engineering Union has endorsed the recommendation made last year by the National Economic Development Council's electronic components sector working party that the Government should provide up to £40m towards the development of opto-electronics.

In a report on optical fibre technology published yester-day, the union says the Govern-ment should go further than this. It should sponsor an experiment in which a smale community would be "wired with optical fibre cable so that subscribers could receive a new range of telecommunications services.

"This would enable us to test the practical application of optical fibres in the local network and the reaction of subscribers to the services avail-The lapanese have already done it. The Canadians munications network is crucial and now the French are planning to do it." munications network is crucial to our future job prospects. It will strengthen our defence of

fibre technology involves the transmission of speech (or data) via pulses of light along a hair-thin strand of glass or plastics. The light is generated by lasers or lightemitting diodes. A pair of fibres can carry almost 2,000 telephone calls simultaneously. The Post Office intends to introduce 15 routes for which optical fibre will be supplied by GEC, Plessey and STC. According to the union, this will represent the largest appli-cation of optical fibre technology in actual operating conditions in any telecommunications network in the world. These routes will come into operation between 1980 and 1982, providing the Post Office practical experience of optical fibres with live with using

traffic and British manufac-

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potential customers abroad.

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report points out, cannot be divorced from the whole modernization programme of the Post Office's relecommunications business, and in particular the change from analogue (con-tinously modulated wave-like signals) to digital (discrete, on/ off signals) systems for both

witching and transmission.

"At present", the union comments in its report, "the British Post Office operates what is basically an electromechanical telephone system with limited reliability and service. The range and quality of service which we provide is under attack from politicians and customers. "Therefore the rapid modern-ization of our national telecom-

the monopoly. It will encourage the deveof a larger telecommunications system with more telephones and more calls. It will stimulate a much wider range of terminal apparatus and telecommunication services. That is why we must have the modernization programme and the optical fibre technology that is part of it."

Space research

A new concept in the develop-ment of industrial processes suitable for use in space (in earth orbit, for example) has been initiated in the United States by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and McDonnell Douglas

Astronautics.
In essence, joint programmes of research and development are being shared between NASA and appropriate companies with no Optical fibre technology, the exchange of funds. The aim is

"to involve the private sector in the definitive stages of a space research programme where a technological advance where a technological advance is a space and there is a potential commercial applica-

Under the NASA/McDonnell Douglas agreement, the first of its kind, the aerospace company and a major pharma-ceutical company will investigate the separation of biological materials in snace using a process known as electro ohoresis.

Using this process in space, it is thought likely that substances useful in the diagnosis, treat ment or prevention of human or animal diseases can be produced. Such substances at pre-sent are not being produced in sufficient quantities or of suffi-cient purity in ground-based

Colour prints

Significantly improved colour transparencies and prints from computer-generated colour video comp. the computer graphics company, for its new Model 31 recording device, launched yesterday.

It was developed by Dum In-struments in the United States, in association with Polaroid Previous systems have suffered from incompatibility between the techniques used to reproduce colour on the video screen and those used in colour film.

The new microprocessor-controlled system processes the phospor-based video colours into a form compatible with the lay-ered structure of the film. This should accelerate the use of colour graphics output from computer systems in areasas business information systems and design—distinct from the traditional ones of science and engineering. KENNETH OWEN

Lucas wins Europe

Lucas Industries is now so confident of its all-round strength that it has taken the battle for motor industry of its biggest competitor, Robert Bosch, and won big contracts to supply German motor com-

panies with components. This was revealed yesterday by Mr Godfrey Messervy, managing director of Lucas, who will succeed Sir Bernard Scott as chairman and chief execu-tive from April 1. Sir Bernard, 65, is retiring after six years in office.

Mr. Messervy said: "Bosch do not take very kindly to us making really significant in-roads into what has long been regarded as Bosch territory. We are not personally antagonistic towards them but we are bitter rivals for every market we fight



Mr Godfrey Messervy: bitter rivalry for every market.

"There is no suggestion that any particular market belongs to anyone. Today it is a world market and we are in there fighting for the money."

The German successes follow Lucas's long battle to increase country. It attempted to obtain control of Ducellier, the French auto-electric manufacturer last year. After a series of court hearings a compromise was reached three months ago which permitted Lucas to increase its shareholding to 50 per cent and gave its rival, the French Fer-rodo SEV, 48 per cent.

Mr Messervy said Lucas, Fer-rodo and Ducellier had now set up a number of joint teams to produce a rationalization plan

products and markets.
"As long as the French motor industry understands what we are rying to do-and they do because I have been around and told them—the result should be a stronger French auto-electric

"The trouble at present is French motor companies want stronger component industry but tend to want to pay very little for their original equipment. They expect suppliers to make their profits out of re-

placement parts.
"But life is not like that today. That is one of the reasons
why the French have a lousy component industry."

Prices deal for rubber company

By John Huxley
International Synthetic Rub-ber (JSR) has resumed produc-tion of its principal product after a four-week shutdown in protest against what it de-scribed as "killing" prices charged by chemicals companies

for raw materials.

More than 100 workers engaged in making styrene-butadiene rubber at the company's main plant at Hythe, Hampshire, were redeployed after the production halt. Yesterday ISR announced it had reached an understanding

with Esso Chemical relating to contract prices paid for supplies of the butadiene feedstock.
"Most significantly, an agreement has been reached for both parties to work together to establish viable long-term arrangements", the statement

Esso is ISR's largest supplier of butadiene. Others include ICI and British Petroleum, with whom negotiations are continuing. The company would give no details of contract prices agreed with Esso.

Earlier Mr Donald Bennett, chairman of ISR, had complained that he was being asked to pay around £330 a tonne for burndrene while in the United

butadiene while in the United States the same product was being offered at about £230 a tonne before freight charges.
ISR, owned by a consortium
Dunlap

of the tyre companies Dunlop, Goodyear, Firestone, Univoyal, BTR, Michelin and Avon, said it had been heartened by support from its 900 workforce and

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Food the most serious shortage in world of wasted resources

Sir, The message of Kenneth

Owen, your Technology Editor. should be heeded by your Commodities Editor Wallace Jackson. Owen writes (February 1): "While attention has been focused on . . energy . . . questions of the future supply f materials have been over looked." How true! For Jack-son's headline (January 28) reads: "So much silver underreads:

ground and yet so little mined." The column below reveals that the amount of unmined silver around the world direct deposits is enough for only 13 years at present rates consumption and that there is enough for another 35 years in deposits from which silver

Advantage of stict product liability

From Mr Howard Abbott Sir, The letter from Dixon Gunn (January 30) on product liability and animals is well timed. He followed David Sharpe who had made similar points regarding human beings. They both felt that their respective fields of medicine vould suffer when strict liability comes into force in this country; that defensive mediine would become the norm: and that the patient, animal or human, would be at a disadvan-tage in consequence.

Mr Gunn says that if there is suffering due to a product defect which "is the result of negligence, the remedial course already exists". It certainly does—but the sufferer would have to prove negligence. Here s the very difficulty that strict liability seeks to overcome. Mr Gunn rightly stresses the complexity of modern medicine standing it. This is why the proof of negligence is most difficult for the outsider.
Under strict liability a plain-

tiff would only have to prove a causal link between a defective product and harm to succeed. He would not have to show that the producer had been negligent. Which is not to say that the producer would not have defences available to him, such as contributory negligence.

Your correspondents may have been influenced by the stories from the United States where strict liability has been in force for over 15 years. But the apparent "excesses" are more the result of the American legal system than strict liability. There is virtually no chance of us following the American pattern.

Yours truly HOWARD ABBOTT. Hartland Cottage, Boscastle, Cornwall PL35 OBH. January 30.

Why trading with EEC is not all gloom

From Mr W. M. Clarke Sir, I was interested to read the analysis of "Britain's trade with the EEC" by the three members of the Cambridge Economic Policy Group in Mon-day's paper (January 28). And pretty gloomy reading it tended to be, too. The authors contrast the promised "dynamic gains" expected from Britain's entry into the Common Market with the growing deficit actually shown by the manufacturing in-

dustry But it is not all gloom. Had they looked a little wider they would have found that Britain's nvisible trade surplus with the EEC had nearly doubled be-tween 1973 and 1978 from £710 million to over £1,200 million. Of this the financial services sector nearly trebled. rising from £111 million to £293 million.

Yours faithfully, W. M. CLARKE, Director-General, Committee on Invisible Exports,

The Stock Exchange, London EC2N 1HH. Bureaucratic burden

Sir, "I will do such things— what they are yet I know not— but they shall be the terrors of the earth" (King Lear, Act . Sc 4). The engineering authority proposed by Finniston is not

From Professor A. J. Harris

a solution, it is a means of applying a solution. What soluion? No solution emerges from the text; proposals are second-ary and trivial. We run the risk of being lumbered with an expensive and restrictive bureaucracy.

Department of Civil Engineering Imperial College of Science and Technology, London SW7 2BU. January 31.

Unrewarding promotions

A. J. HARRIS,

From the Rev Bernard T. Croft Sir, Somehow I do not think many of those who read your story about the Reader's Digest book. You and Your Rights would have their withers wrung. Rather, as recipients over the years of unwanted promotion material and of "awards" from time to time, some would remember the wise words of old Adam in Cold Camfort Farm; about curses, like rookses, flying home to rest in bosomses and barnses. BERNARD CROFT,

If I owned a deposit I would be very much inclined to keep it in the ground and not release it to the world with its present extravagant practices.

But metals and other minerals are not the only resources whose life appears short. The tropical forest and fisheries are being over-exploited at ocean grossly present so that there will be a very serious shortage of wood and fish in two decades time. Only a severe shortage of energy will, so it seems, slow down this shortsighted extrava-

gance. Perhaps the most serious of all is the shortage of food in prospect. Disease has been

restraint on population growth and the world's food supply, supported by mechanization and fertilizer, has supported an unprecedented increase. But that depends on fuel so that the fuel crisis means a food crisis Fuel, forests, fish, fertility and food: these are more serious than minerals to the welfare of the world, and it will not be a crisis bur a climacteric. Yours faithfully,

R. S. SCORER, Department of Mathematics. Imperial College of Science and Technology. Queen's Gate, London SW7 5HH.

UK's mineral reserves an unlikely Utopia

From Dr J. P. N. Badham Sir, The recent letters from Sir Peter Kent and Sir Kingsley Dunham (January 9) and Mr John Lomax (January 23) call for a simplification of mineral rights ownership (by nationalization) and for government to encourage mineral exploration and development with tax incentives. Both make two assumptions which need justification before such changes

should be considered. The first of these is that the mineral resources are actually there to be discovered. Mr Lomax draws attention to a "known ore-bodies" in the United Kingdom. As far as I am aware the best of these (for example Wheal Jane and Mount Wellington) have been unable to operate profitably despite the most generous government assistance. I would be interested to know of other known ore bodies which could be mined profitably in the United Kingdom.

Mr Lomax also suggests that revival of mining would help the balance of payments and ensure a supply of strategic materials . . ". At present this country imports its entire re-quirements of all metals except for cooper, lead zinc, tungsten and rin. We produce about 1 per cent of each of these indigenously.

The most optimistic prognosis would find it difficult to anticipate production of even 5 per cent of our needs for any of these metals, and we have no known reserves of any of the remaining strategic metals. While an enhanced exploration programme might alleviate the situation somewhat it is hard to see the coming of Mr Lomax's metallic Utopia.

The second assumption is that, even were we to locate significant mineralization, per-mission would be given to mine this country are so great that government would find it exit. The land use pressures of

menusi lobby at Coed-y-Brenin and their present virulence at the Belvoir and nuclear strategy inquiries suggests to me that development of new mining fields in the United Kingdom is highly unlikely.

Mr Lomax's companison with Eire is not apt for both the geological situation and land use pressures are very differ-

To appreciate the land use pressures I list the organizations that have become ininquiry for increased gravel extraction: the local town and authority, the CEGB, the RAF, a major oil company, a major gravel company, the RSPB, the nature conservancy, the Salmon & Trout Association, the IGS, various univer-sities, various local environ-mental groups. May we pity the poor man who only wanted to employ a few from the dole oueue and extract a few more ons of gravel!

For my own part let it be oute clear that I firmly believe there to be mineral decesits that could be produced econo mically in this country, and I should like to see them discovered and produced. I do not think they will make any significant difference to our balance of payments or our strategic decendence on other countries. They could, however, improve local unemployment and wealth considerably. I am unable to understand the logic of environmental groups who are quite content to use the products of desecration (sic) of other countries while protecting their own. I am cynical enough nevertheless to suggest that their arguments will prevail and that neither nationalization nor tax inceptives will make the slightest difference to us.

N. BADHAM. tremely difficult to impose its Southampton S09 5NH. will. The success of the environ- January 25.

Basic needs overlooked in efficiency drive

From the Director General of know that this delay costs The British Quarrying & Slag money and that this cost may federation.

The British Quarrying & Slag money and that this cost may make the difference between a

Sir, Mr Gaulter in his letter of January 29 has highlighted an issue which should concern us all; a sound infrastructure is at our peril.

Those who have a vested interest in supplying these needs are hesitant in promoting their views or are ignored as having vested interests. However, while there is a strong belief that public expenditure and hence government borrowing must fall, that is not to say that we should not look more closely at the proportion devoted to "current" and "capital" expenditure respectively.

The statistics quoted by Mr Gaulter speak for themselves however unpalatable they may be. They point to two things; a gradual reduction in the basic civil engineering services that heavy cost to industry by the use of antiquated buildings and high delivery charges on manu-factured products. Anyone who has found himself in a queue of Croydon CRO 9XF. lorries to an export port must January 30

product that is competitive in the market place and one that ·is not.

Let us be realistic. If our basic to an enterprising, for-ward looking and efficient in-dustrial nation. We ignore this sufficient resources to these sufficient resources to these basic needs, we must look for an alternative. It is not beyond the ability of our elected representatives of the European Par-liament to play the French game. We must hope therefore that this challenge is taken up. We should make every en-deavour to obtain funds for infrastructure development from EEC sources which will go some way to counterbalance the inequity of the common agricultural policy.

We should put aside our domestic differences, however valid, and try to find a common approach to what has become a serious problem. Yours faithfully,

we all take for granted in our G. T. BODKIN, Director General, daily life but more important a The British Quarrying & Slag Federation Limited, Carolyn House,

Dangers for moderates in union law change

has drawn attention to the problem of trade union recog-nition, to which the Engineers' and Managers' Association has been directing the attention of Members of Parliament for some months, namely the proposed repeal of Sections 11-16 of the Employment Protection

Act. If the repeal is enacted in the Employment Bill 1980 there will be no machinery whereby a trade union can challenge the refusal of an employer to grant recognition. If an employer is under pressure from a militant. Communist-led trade union not to recognize another, moderate, trade union, and he buckles under that pressure, what do

we moderates do? One answer would be to take to the streets and thereby behave in a manner which our

From the General Secretary, the Aerospace Association would deplore. If our members had wanted to do that they has drawn attention to the problem of trade union recog-We are dismayed that this,

of all governments, should be in the process of dismantling the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas). It is as though the Govern-ment is playing into the hands of the militants and indicating that brute force can win the day on a recognition issue. How strange that in one Bill we find a remedy for the ill of secondary picketing and a prescription for industrial

PETER FAIRLEY, General Secretary. the Aerospace Association. 39 High Street,

action on recognition.
Yours faithfully,

Wheathampstead,

er and

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

GEC draws on its experience

GEC's offer for Decca is not necessarily a knock-our blow but it is sufficiently well-pitched to make Racal, with its £65m paper offer still on the table, think hard about where it goes from here. Most important femals from the fact that it is worth £17.5m fapart from the fact that it is worth £17.5m more than Racal's bid) GEC is offering cash, though for those with a capital gains tax problem there will he an alternative of

convertible unsecured Ioan stock.

Second, GEC is acknowledging the reality of Decca's capital structure in that at the end of the day it will be the voting shares. which represent only 38 per cent of the equity, which will decide this battle.

Thus, the differential between the voters and the "A" non-voters which had been

around 10 to 15 per cent in the market before the bids started coming in should be 25 per cent in the view of GEC. If Racal comes back with a counter it will have to think again here; its present terms offer the voters a premium of just under 11 per

Thirdly, there is the question of what Decca is worth. To some extent this must involve shooting in the dark. A base point though is that the capital goods business, which is what both GEC and Racal want, has annual sales of £100m, and Decca has substantial hidden worth. Major assets, such as the music catalogue, for which PolyGram is prepared to pay as much as £9m, and the head office building in London are in Decca's book at virtually nil.

Against this it has debt of around £50m

following its heavy consumer product losses. and closures, including the possibility of the television business, represent unquantified liabilities in the near future.

All this suggests that if Racal wants an auction the bids will be notched up by rather more modest sums than GEC has delivered on this occasion to a maximum of around £90m: Decca shareholders obviously bave nothing to lose by staying put for the moment therefore, but they should be aware

of two risks. One is that the whole situation will be referred to the Monopolies Commission (though goodness knows Whitehall must have sufficient data on electronics rationalization possibilities by now). Second, Racal could pull out now, perhaps rueing the day that it did not offer more in the first place which could have kept GEC's ambitions shackled. But in the takeover game experience counts....

Lonrho

The strategy unfolds

Lonrho has significantly undershot market estimates with declared full-year profits stated at £84m pre-tax against last year's

Despite the roller-coaster look of divisional returns however the main blame for the disappointment falls on a substantial reduction in write backs, above the line of previous over-provision for depreciation. Stripping this controversial feature out would leave profits a shade higher at £76.3m against £74.2m. Thankfully, Lourho has now decided to abandon this procedure and write-backs will go straight to reserves:

saved from an embarrassing profits outturn by a spectacular performance from the mining companies which pushed profits up from £9.6m to £31m mainly on the back of rising gold, copper and platinum prices.

Against this the lower sugar price saw agricultural profits tumble from £21m to £11m, while the Nigerian blockage saw export confirming and finance figures drop from £18.6m to under £8m.

Now, after four years on a plateau Lonrho looks to be on the verge of a profits explosion based heavily on the African mining, agricultural and trading interests. Profits from mining could almost double if the current bullion price holds, while a sugar price double that of last year's points

to significant recovery in agriculture.

Even allowing nothing for a possible reopening of the Zimbabwe oil pipeline—currently in the books at £1—the group's overseas earnings can comfortably take the strain of bleak conditions at home particularly for the engineering and steel interests which saw profits fall from £13m to £8m last year.

: Forecasts for the current year range from around £130m to something over £150m. Indeed, Mr Rowland is unmistakeably bullish lifting the net dividend by a tenth and declaring a special 1p interim in

a case of guessing the quality of African profits and putting faith in Mr Rowland's strategy. Clearly the plan is to convert vulnerable overseas returns into sound assets in the west and probably "hang the

In his attempt to alter the group profile Mr Rowland is now basking in the warm glow of a balance sheet which shows net gearing down to 36 per cent and net assets per share at 180p.



Mr Roland Rowland, chief executive of

Profits next year of over £140m would reduce the present p/e ratio at 101p of over 9 to under 7 while the income attractions remain in a yield of over 10 per cent despite the recent share strength. But whatever the truth about Lonrho's intentions regarding House of Fraser/Debenhams the stream of equity-shares in Lonrho have risen from 5m in 1975 to over 200m—is not going to abate and much rests on Mr Rowland's

bidding judgment.

Meanwhile, the excitement caused by the future of the Gulf Fisheries 19 per cent stake and suggestions that Mr Rowland's ultimate ambition could be to reverse the group into the private empire of Mr Daniel Ludwig should see the shares yo-yoing in the next few weeks. For once, however, the downside risk seems small.

Welbeck Finance

New vehicle for credit sales

Once again Debenhams is improving the look of its balance sheet. Previous efforts to bridge its inadequate cash flow at a time of sharply rising fixed asset and working capital requirements have included sale and leaseback property deals, a £22m rights issue, the arrangement almost two years ago to sell up to £45m of its trade debts to Lloyds Bank and in recent months a series of disposals of its peripheral trading interests.

Now the stores group is going in for a more radical approach involving the setting up of a separate finance group. Welbeck Finance—in which Debenhams has a 10 per cent equity stake but which is so structured To give it all the profits—which will handle all the group's credit sales.

The attraction for Debenhams is straightforward enough. It will take off the balance sheet steadily rising borrowings, especially expensive bank overdrafts, which have been necessary to finance the growing proportion of credit sales. These have risen from £55m casting to a position in which in 1977 to a projected £107m in 1981 and it could be considered seriously accounted for a quarter of its department

with debt cut by £20m balance sheet gearing will fall from 31 to 23 per cent this year, excluding the benefit from recent asset sales, and unlike the earlier Lloyds move, which still involved borrowing and interest costs, Debenhams will benefit from the dividends it receives from Welbeck, which will still be groupable for tax pur-

There is a more positive side as well. Once on its feet, Debenhams hopes to capitalize on its expertise in the credit field by developing Welbeck into a substantial high street credit operation, with a capital base of its own which will require only small equity injections from Debenhams to keep

As such this will provide the retail sector with an interesting innovation more than just a banking operation which will take some of the burden of credit sales off its shoulders.

Unfortunately it does nothing to answer the underlying questions about Depenhams trading philosophy, its niche in the high street and the lacklustre profits record, with most analysts expecting profits in the year just ended to be a little below the previous

Hugh Stephenson

Why Sir Jasper must be tough

For more than a decade Lord Shawcross has been the embodiment of selfregulation in the City in the area of takeovers and energers. When he become chairman of the Takeover Panel in 1969. he inherited a jungle. In these eleven years he has turned it into something a good deal more orderly.

He has done it by the force of his character and by the force of his prosc. He will be a hard act for anyone to follow.

Yesterday the Bank of England was declining to confirm or deny that the Governor has decided to appoint Sir Jasper Hollom, as present deputy gover-dor at the Bank, to be his successor. Members of the Panel, however, confirm that this is what they have been told.

The retirement of Lord Shawcross would mark the end of an era of self-regulation in the British securities regulation in the British securities industry. He has brought a creative, not to say aggressive, turn of mind and policy to the office. To judge from his public retord, Sir Jasper's attitude to events is more quietist. The question must be asked whether self-regulation as we know it will survive such an approach.

It has always seemed to me wrong to think of the issue of regulation in the securities market as a straight con-flict between British-style self-regulation

with a Securities and Exchange Com-mission and the rest. The fact is that in any system there are elements of statutory and elements of non-statutory regulation, just as there are elements of self-regulation and elements of outside regulation. The question at any moment is whether the existing balance is cor-rect, or whether some change is

required.

The non-statutory self-administered part of regulation in the securities marpart of regulation in the securities market has manifest advantages. It is cheaper, quicker and more flexible. It is, however, always open to the objection that self-regulation is suspect because the whole thing is kept inside the "club". To preserve its advantages and to protect itself from damaging criticism, therefore, self-regulation cannot afford to be quietist. It has to show aggressively and publicly that it is doing its allotted part of the job. its allotted part of the job.

Lord Shawcross understood these points well. When he came to the job. the City as a whole hated the idea of tough self-regulation. Most did not then accept that, if the Panel was not made to work, there would be a huge advance of statutory regulation, which they would like even less. Indeed, it was only the late Anthony Crosland's instinctive dislike of involving Whitehall in these areas, when he was President of the Board of Trade, that stopped the political bandwagon in favour of a British SEC, after the celebrated affairs of the late 1960s.

Today, the City thinks that the Panel has been a wonderful success. The change is a measure of Lord Shaw-

change is a measure of Lord Shawcross's achievement.

His formula has had three main ingredients. The first is that the Panel's
rules have been drawn up by and in
consultation with practitioners in the
market place. The Panel has, therefore,
always maintained the respect of its
clients in a way which clearly is not
the case with the present attempts by
the Council for the Securities Industry
to impose a code on the Issuing Houses to impose a code on the Issuing Houses
Secondly, the Shawcross Panel has
given steady and intelligent support to
its executive. They must perforce deal
with the bulk of the work. It has helped everyone to know that the policy-makers and those who do the work have been speaking with the same-voice And, thirdly, Lord Shawcross has found the trick of creative leadership of a group which by its constitution might in other circumstances almost have been designed to prefer inaction to action. In this respect, for example, the Takeover Panel has been years ahead of, say, the Council of the Stock Exchange or the Committee of Lloyd's. Lord Shawcross has, nevertheless, had his critics. To some the panel's proceedings have appeared to have a "Star Chamber" quality. Also some people feel that two-tier standards have sometimes been applied in that established City banks have on occasion been treated with greater respect or laniency than fringe institutions or

persons.

In shore, there is a body of opinion, not confined to Cicy law firms, which thinks that the arbitrary element of Panel case law has reached the point where it would be better to regulate matters in a more conventional way.

For all his undoubted influence, Lord Shaperress was not able to prevent the Shawcross was not able to prevent the creation of the Council for the Securities Industry in its present form. It is

ties Industry in its present form. It is becoming increasingly clear that the CSI's role in the overall system is not quite right. Rather like Mr Peter Walker's reform of local government, the CSI is the wrong sort of extra layer of self-regulation in the wrong place. If the CSI is to have influence over the whole of the City and public companies in relationship to the Stock Exchange its shape is too narrow. If it is to be mainly interested just in the securities market, it seems to duplicate Exchange its shape is too narrow. If it is to be mainly interested just in the securities market, it seems to duplicate the work of the Takeover Panel and the Stock Exchange Council. The new chairman of the Panel will be in office during a period when this relationship must evolve rapidly. He may be certain, however, that if the Panel loses its "inquisitorial" edge, the frontiers of statutory regulation will be further advanced in the 1980s.

Commercial radio has benefited from the ITV strike. David Hewson reports

Switching to a 'hot' medium

Professor McLuhan, the American authority on the media, said that radio was a "hot" medium and television a "cool one" he was describing radio's ability to stimulate the imagination and forge a link with the listener which is unique in terms of communications.

By comparison, television, with its finite visual limitations, creates its own rigid boundaries to whatever message it is trying to put over.

Professor -McLuhan's theory may go some way towards explaining why television, quite apart from the size of the audience it delivers, has always been regarded as a good advertising medium, while radio has been something of a poor relation

To trying to "capture" an audience for a product, tele-vision leaves no room for interpretation—the message comes across clearly and unambigu-ously. With radio, the adver-tiser has less control over the way in which his message is received and interpreted.

Radio will never threaten television as the prime domestic advertising medium, but its status has nevertheless changed noticeably in Britain in recent months.

At the heart of the change is the technicians' strike which last year blacked out the independent television companies for 75 days and transformed commercial radio in many eyes from the Cinderella of broad-casting to a position in which as a selling medium.

Immediately the swike began marketing departments with large television budgets were at a loss to know where to place their campaigns. Mr Tony Logic, sales director for Asso-ciated Independent Radio Ser-vices (AIR), one of the three commercial radio national sales agencies, says: "People just panicked, though I don't mean that in a nasty sense. They plugged a lot into radio, but did not have the pre-research work to find our how effective they were."

Standard consumer research information, largely based on the existing areas of the tele-vision companies, is inadequate to calculate the efficiency of a campaign using a radio station which serves only a part of the

But radio convinced some media buyers. A number of significant "accounts" have significant "accounts" have made a policy decision to diverg funds intended for television. The £3\mathbb{m} which the commercial stations believe they won discoult from the carrier may directly from the strike may £12,000 campaign centred round have boosted their monthly a catchphrase, "Fry's of Lewtakings by as much as 82 per isham, how can we help you?...

says that detailed plans have yet to be drawn up. The society has plans for three care cen-tres, compared with LVNH's scheme for about 14, starting with three in the North-east

But Kimber says: "If there is a storm in a teacup it is merely on a question of siring." He could understand the LVNH

the long-term implications that the stations can find the most encouragement.

Agencies and producers who can meet its creative demands are thriving and there is a growing awareness of what it can achieve and how cheaply.

Mr Tony Hertz and Mr Peter Perrin started Radio Operators. one of the few agencies to deal exclusively in the medium, in 1973. "We're 300 per cent up on inquiries from potential customers on two years ago and probably 100 per cent up on finished jobs simply because we can't cope with every call we get", Mr Perrin says.

With the costs both of producing television commercials and of air-time soaring, the advantages of radio have become more apparent to media buyers, though it is not without its own inflationary factors.

The cost of a Radio Operators production varies greatly, according to the customers' requirements. If the company were asked to come up with a complete concept, write the scripts and then produce, three commercials would cost about f2,500. Adding music would almost double that and a specially written signature tune could cost a further £2,500.

Most large radio advertisers use one of the three national sales agencies—Air, Broadcast Marketing Services and Radio Sales and Marketing—to purchase block air-time on all 19 present commercial stations broadcasting to some 65 per of the population. At present rates £44,300 would buy 49 30-second spots on each station during day-time shows.

Peak advertising rates apply between 6 am and 10 am on weekdays and 8 am and noon at weekends, with rates falling progressively along with the size of the audience during the

By comparison, the £100,000 television commercial is not uncommon, with airtime costs, on top of that, much higher than last year and viewing figures still suffering the aftereeffects of last year's strike. Radio also scores with its high regional flexibility and local appeal.

A good example of appeal is the campaign which a Ford main dealers in London, Fry's of Lewisham, has been running the past three years. Mr Bill Felton, the managing director, was initially sceptical. "The sums concerned were fairly considerable as far as we were concerned", he says.

The company opted for a £12,000 campaign centred round a catchphrase, "Fry's of Lew-



Recording a "jingle": advertisers are discovering the attractions of radio.

which it now uses on the telephone switchboard. "It's impossible to quantify, but it gave us an enormous benefit in terms of business. The company was going through a depressing stage in its de-velopment for various reasons at the time, but we did feel that

We've even had people ring up and ask if they can buy the record of the ad which is only five lines of music."

The success has made the

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but for our type of business quoted by television advertising that's a lot of money. My salesmen, is that commercial dealer colleagues fall over radio programes are often a when I tell them how much we light and frothy background to spend "Talk about immediate

returns is beggaring the issue. the It's a very long-term business, sector You have to build up your 11 morale in the place went up strength and your message.

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White medium Judging by present work as effectively as local

Nine more commercial radio stations are under way and a further 15 have been approved by the Home Secretary, which

the success has made the company more conscious of its sales policy. It has increased its advertising budget to £50,000 for 1980, £38,000 of it going on radio.

"I know there are people spending millions on campaigns, mess. One drawback, often

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INDEPENDENT LOCAL RADIO ADVERTISING

REVENUE

such as cooking or ironing, for important This relegation of the adver-

some more important activity,

campaigns that means attempts with varying success—at humour or extreme repetitive A further question mark

against radio is the Independent Broadcasting Authority's amouncement that it is considering as part of its general renewal of television franchises, the formation of a new break-fast channel. This would compete with radio in its most pro-timble heartland, the early part of the day. Breakfast television would have to steel from radio to survive, but the threat has perhaps been exaggerated.

Who really wants to watch television during the business of getting up and off for work? Some without doubt do, but not many, or so the radio men

Radio will never rival television as a source of media buyers' interest—its annual revenue has yet to reach what the independent television companies receive in a month. But there is a growing realization that radio can be a complement that radio can be a complemen-tary selling medium. It requires its own skills and offers its own

Business Diary: Who follows Solomon? • Inn dispute

A lot of guessing is going on in the currency trading world about who is going to become the American Treasury's new chief for monetary affairs. Anthony Solomon, the present incumbent as under-secretary, leaves the job on March 1 for a four weeks' rest before starting work as president of the New York Federal Reserve Bank on April 1. Bank on April 1.

According to some, it will be difficult to attract a top flight banker to the Treasury. After all, if President Carter loses November's election, who ever is appointed will quickly find himself back in the private sechimself back in the private sector. As an interim appointment,
it is being suggested, the President will turn to someone
already in the Administration.
The position is considered too
important to be left vacant for very long.

If the President decides to If the President decides to use someone from the Treasury, the clear favourite is Fred Bergsten, Assistant Secretary for International Affairs. This 38-year-old former senior fellow of the Brookings Institution, got a tasse of power between 1969 and 1971 as Dr Henry Kissinger's assistant on intersinger's assistant on inter-national economic affairs in the National Security Council. He has shown a distinct inclination to wield political power ever

Two other possibles in the Administration both about the same age as Bernsten are Robert Hormatz and Richard Cooper. Hormatz took over from Bergsten on Kissinger's council, became Deputy Assistant Secre-



No need to worry yet: big wars don't start until August or September.

Affairs in 1977 and recently gained the title of ambassador as Deputy United States Special

Trade Representative.
For Cooper the move would be a sideways shift, as he is already Under-Secretary for Economic Affairs at the State Department. The President may, of course,

surprise everyone. A tiff has erupted between two charities looking after retired people in the pub trade, the Society of Licensed Victuallers (SLV) and the Licensed Victuallers National

Homes (LVNH). The SLV goes back to 1793 (that veteran newspaper, the Morning Advertiser belongs to it) and the LVNH was a group that broke away nearly forty

'years later'.

Things have improved some has in mind, although Chris law and to the instruc-what since and there has Kimber, the general secretary, their union executive.

regular meetings between the regular neetings observed the rwo to sort out problems, but the National Homes, whose national secretary is George Ives, did not take too kindly to

the recent news that the older charity was planning to start up geriatric care centres Until now the SLV has handed out cash help and run a school at Slough dating back 175 years. "We are concerned because we don't want two people in the same industry doing the same job." Ives says. The LVNH has a well equipped complex at Denham. Buckinghamshire, which offers hospital theatre facilities as well as a pub. It is also planning a series of what are known in the trade as win during last week's toing

eing upset only if centres were to be set up in the same place. The two cherities will now be exchanging full details of their The reason behind the change of name of the Government's Trade and Industry magazine to British Business seems a little more complicated than originally appeared.

The Department of Industry appeared of page 1

announced the change of name last week as being in keeping with the development of the magazine over the years. Alan Williams, the managing editor, gave a different explanation when writing to subscribers in September. An industrial dis-pute at Her Majesty's Stationery Office was then affecting pub-lication of Trade and Industry. "We have therefore advanced production of a sister magazine. British Business, which contains much of the information normally exerted in Trade and Industry", he said.

what are known in the trade as caring hostels around the country, with a medically trained person in charge.

This is more or less what the Society of Licensed Victuallers has in mind, although Chris law and to the instructions of their which makes the general expension.

The 3,000 Iron and Steel Trades Confederation members at the company's Cardiff works, South Wales's biggest steel plant, were all set to strike from the Sunday before last. That was until branch officials heard about the Court of Appeal decision outlawing industrial action in the private sector. The officials consequently advised their members to resume their members to resume normal working. Only a couple of hours later, however, they were told that it was up to the union executive to issue any new instructions and that until then private steel men should stay on strike. Obediently the GKN men resumed their action. But on Tuesday the executive

issued its new instruction in accordance with the Denning roling Just as obediently, after a dignified Wednesday meeting in which the validity (temporary as it turns out) of the Court of Appeal ruling was spelt out, the GKN men decided to return to

work. Until the weekend, that is For by then the Law Lords had overturned the Denning ruling and, loyal to the last, the GKN men came out again. Last night they were still out.

An advertisement in the Fleet Street branch of National Westminster Bank reads: " Cash in on a NatWest savings box and watch your money grow." Underneath, the cover price of 59p had been scratched out and replaced with "68p plus VAT".

David Hewson

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Prices lower but firmer trend after hours

A spirited performance was economic and labour front.

equities managed to mark time. Even the bullion price remained fairly steady following quieter activity on the New York market. In the end the bullion price closed \$10.5 off at \$667 an ounce.

Gilts encountered some heavy selling as soon as dealings resumed yesterday morning when investors became concerned over the steel strike and the poor economic outlook.

Most held a fairly bearish outlook for today's bank lending figures, and as a result falls of between £1 and £1.25 were even reported. trading after hours showed a firmer appearance with most closing off the bortom. This resulted in falls of between £ and El in longs while at the shorter end losses were limited

same time discounting the recent turn for the worse in the steel strike. Dealers reported very little selling as jobbers were content to mark prices lower. Some interest was generated among special situations and bids, but for the most part investors werep repared just to bide their

to around the El to El mark.

In spite of this equities held relatively firm awating the

upturn in gilts while at the

After steadily drifting throughout the day to fall to 3.8 at 2 pm the FT Index improved slightly after hours and closed only 2.1 off at 445.7. Leading industrialists were no exception to the rule and quite content to keep a close eye on glits as prices drifted be-

made by most sections of the the market bore a confident Stock Market yesterday, in look and was ready to advance spite of the problems on the should there be the slightest conomic and labour front. sign of improvement else-Gilts were the prime focus where. In the events, ICI closed of attention ahead of todays only 1p off at 375p as did Reed bank lending figures while equities managed to mark time.

Bowater were firm at 175p. The threat of a drugs price war in the United States continued to hamper Glaxo 5p off at 465p

> British Home Stores is thought to be pleased with its January sales, which is more than can be said for some retailers. Analysts are still going for a 20 per cent rise in profits this year to May. Many competitors will be lucky to manage 10 per cent increase. Even so, BHS shares slipped 1p to 263p vesterdav.

while Beecham remained un concerned rising 1p to 118p. Fisons rose 5p to 282p in a thin market but Unilever slipped 4p ta 450p.

The electrical sector again attracted the most interest among equities, where the hig power struggle between the majors continued to focus at 77p, Glymattention. GEC finished un- 95p and We changed at 350p following its 4p at 742p.

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generous and expected cash offer for Decca which leapt 92p in the ordinary at 487p and 44p in the "A". However, fears that the counter-bid may be referred to the Monopolies Commission still lurk in the background.

Most observers still believe will continue to bid for Decca but remain uncommitted on just how meaningful the pledges made by former chairman, Sir Edward Lewis, will be in the light of the cash offer from

Elsewhere in electricals, shares of Ferranti began to bubble with excitement on rumours that they may well become the target of a bid. As a result the shares advanced 20p to 490p. Speculation on Tyco's intentions lifted the price of Muirhead early on but this soon fizzled out and the shares closed 2p easier at 203p. But the rising price of copper wire upset M. K. Electric which tumbled

4p to 178p. Weekend press comment provided the market with some firm features as in the case of Car-less Capel 2p better at 80p. Amalgamated Power 3p firmer at 77p, Glynwed 1 p stronger at 96p and Westland Aircraft up

Latest results

Vibroplant (1) 6.76(5.37) 2.06(1.59) —(—) 5.25(4.42) 5.3 —(12.4) Whitworth Elec (1) 5.43(4.89) 0.16(0.16) 2.05(1.99) ——(—) ——(1.05) Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a=excludes special interim of 2.8p; h=gross income for both years; c=loss; d=figures are gross revenue; e=figures for both years are in SA Rands; f=SA cents.

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Investment interest also gave a fillip to other shares includ-ing Sotheb vParke Bernet 10p higher at 505p along with May & Hassel 5p to 80p, Phoenix

LASMO, fresh from exciting those who attended the Scott, Goff seminar last week, was again the centre of interest vesterday. The shares jumped 27p to 440p, on talk that the German group, Deminex was preparing a bid. But LASMO denied such a bid, from Deminex or anyone else.

Timber 6p to 146p and Automated Securities 8p to 253p. Bid rumours were good for 18p rise to 303p for Bernard Matthews while a mention that Cons Gold is about to bid for CompAir lifted the latter 2p to

At the same time, some heavy selling saw Chubb dip 60 to 111p, Charles Hill Bristol 15p to 55p and Anderson Strathclyde of to 61p while reports that British Air Cargo was in financial trouble knocked 20p from the shares at 40p.

Shares of Henry Norrington the agricultural machinery supplier were suspended at 165p

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Vital

businesses

Two vital meetings about the future of a Government-backed

loan guarantee scheme for small

businesses have been arranged

for next week. Meanwhile, this

week the first proposals under

a plan to draw more institu-tional funds into small busi-nesses are due to go to the Post

The first meeting is a week today when Mr David Mitchell, the Minister responsible for

small businesses, and civil ser-vants from the Department of

Industry meet representatives

of the Union of Independent

By Bryan Appleyard

Office Pension Fund.

after a bid approach as were shares of Lydenburg Platinum at 180p following a bid from SA Mutual.

Hillards dipped 9p to 151p after some disappointing interim figures while Lourbo shed 2p to 101p after its full year report. Engineers were in line with the remainder of the market despite the affects of the steel strike with GKN 3p down at 263p Lucas 5p off at 252p and

Among companies reporting

Metal Box unchanged at 238p. Dowty with figures due out tomorrow improved 3p to 161p. Stores finished the session mostly on the bottom, hit by the latest set of retail sales figures. Burton retreated 4p to 105p. GUS "A" 2p to 400p and Debenhams 1p to 86p. But fading bid hopes were respons-

ible for a 5p drop in House of Fraser at 130p. News that Dunbee-Combe-x Marx is to sell all of its United States interests belped the shares 4p to 24p.

The four major clearing banks were on offer as the market entered the usual reporting season. Falls were noted in Barclays 8p to 420p, National Westminster 7p to 348p, Mid-land 5p to 371p and Lloyds 3p

to 298p.
Oil shares held up quite well in spite of the recent round of price increases with BP un-changed at 358p and the new rising 2p to 150p, on par with with the issue price, just two days before the cash call for the remainder is made.

Equity turnover on February 1, was £125.87m (15,286 bar-gains). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were, R.T.Z., Racal, CompAir, GEC, Premier Cons, Lasmo, Western Mining, P & O. Shell, Consolidated Gold Fields, Boots and Lucas.

Thornwood steps up its Wight stake to **29.8pc**

Thornwood Investments. private investment company based in Scotland, has increased its stake in Wight Holdings to 29.8 per cent. Wight is involved in construction, plant hire and

property. Thornwood bought a total of 200,000 shares from three directors for 821p each last week raising its folding from 19.05 per cent. The Wight directors. which include the share ven-dors, Mr James Manson, chair-man, who sold 50,000, Mr John Scott who sold 100,000 and Mr

More financial news on page 22.

Leonard Stoddart who sold 50,000 shares, said that the transactions would strengthen Wight.

Thornwood has assured them that it does not intend to increase its holding by market purchases or a general offer, nor does it intend to control the board. But it has requested a seat on the board for Mr Alistair Dunn, Thornwood's managing director. Mr Stoddart said it was likely that the board would agree to the request at

its next meering.

The Stock Exchange and the
Takeover Panel have been told
of the transactions and no objections have been raised.

The possibility, however, remains that Thornwood, at a later date, may consider using its holding for a reverse takeover as Wight's construction side which now only plays a small part in the group's activities, is complementary to Thorn-wond's interests, which also include property and leasing. Last year Wight made pretax profits of £459,000 on turnover of £11.4m compared with £555,000 profits, and £8.1m turn-

Hillards manages 14 pc rise

Vibroplant maintains its growth record

By Our Financial Staff
Vibroplant Holdings, the plant hire specialist, continued that he did not expect the new operation to contribute to pro-fits in the second half. with its pattern of consistent planning two more depots in England which would open at the beginning of the next profits growth at the halfway stage with improved results coming from most of its 24

depots. Pretax profits went up by 29 per cent from £1.59m to £2.06m and turnover rose by 26 per cent from £5.37m to £6.76m in the six months to September 30 1979. The group's upward progress has been unbroken since it came to the market li- is now also benefiting from a move to hiring, rather than buying, by companies who are reluctant to commute the manufacture of the commute the community of the community of

themselves to expensive pur-Chases when facing a recession.

Vibroplant is also starting a
new division, Shorepak Trench Systems, which will be a sole

economic climate does deteriorate or the weather hold us back," he said.

financial year.

Last year Vibroplant made pretax profits of £2.37m despite a seven-week period when many of the depots were severely affected by the bad weather. distributor, through its depots, affected by the b of trenching equipment. But Mr The share price Roy Clinning, chairman, said changed at 255p. The share price remained un-

He added-that the group was

The interim dividend has

"The third quarter results up

to the end of December were

also favourable, and we are an-

ticipating increased profits for

the year end providing the

been increased by 13.6 per cent to 7.5p gross which Mr Clin-ning said was a reflection of the first half results.

Capital issues exceeded £91m in January

demptions of £83.7m net new issues. capital raised was only £8.1m, the lowest monthly figure since United

last September. Net issues by United Kingdom borrowers amounted to 18.9m. Overseas borrowers repaid £10.8m.

Once again there was a net redemption of outstanding loan capital, on this occasion of £18.9m. Overseas borrowers remain as high as they are at that size in nominal terms. The present private-sector borrow-ers simply cannot afford to raise long-term fixed interest

Hillards is currently building

supermarkets with between 20,000 and 40,000 square feet of

selling space and stressed that its profits growth was across the board. It also provides fresh

foods where profit margins are

been increased by 25 per cent to 1.78p gross, but the board

said that the increase was not

an indication for the rate of

The group is expected to show

an improvement in the second half with the benefits of its new

stores showing through, and full-year results could show

profits of around £3.3m com-

pared with £2.5m pretax last

improvement on the final.

The interim dividend has

greater.

Gross capital issues in the of £8.6m of loan capital in the domestic market last month month there were £14.2m of (excluding international loans) ordinary share issues and totalled £91.8m. But after re- £2.5m of preference share

The principal issues made by United Kingdom companies were made in the property sector (£8.2m) and by companies in the public utilities, transport and communications sectors (£2.5m).

corporate sector's demand for external finance is expected to raise long-term fixed interest be appreciably higher this year money in domestic markets. than it has been since the Against the net redemption liquidity crisis of 1974.

Fiat expects to end year level

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in the automobile business, Fiat car market, a key to its finan-SPA, the holding company for cial health, fell to 52 per cent the Italian multinational group, in 1979 from 54 per cent probably remained in the black the year earlier, despite a 6 per cent growth in total Italian car

Although precise figures will not be released until the spring, company officials estimate that consolidated 1979 profits of the Fiat Group matched the current equivalent of the \$190m (£95m) earned in 1978, while sales rose 20 per cent to \$21,000m.

The sales gain came on good results in the European tractor improvements Brazil, where Fiat has invested heavily in automobile and steel production; and on sustained sales to third world countries of engineering services and heavy equipment,

of the companies' volume, remained level at \$8,000m and operations dropped to a break-even point from a profit and 26,000 ounces of silver. As DM290m of \$50m in 1978.

break-even point from a profit and 26,000 ounces of silver. As DM290m the full benefits of the recent DM169.5cm

Business appointments

Sir Bernard

retire from

director of Brownlee on the re-tirement of Mr P. A. Barns-Graham as chairman at the end of

February.
Mr R. J. Warren has been appointed to the board of Humphries
Holdings in a non-executive capa-

director and secretary-designate of The Federation of London Clear-ing Bank Employers.

Dr George Munday has been made research director of The Insurance Technical Bureau.

Mr G. W. Tavlor, Mr D. W. C. Estching and Mr J. A. Brooks, assistant chief general managers Midland Bank, have been

Mr John K. McKinley is now

chief operating officer of Texaco Inc. He will succeed Mr Maurice F: Granville as chairman and chief executive, after Mr Granville's retrement on November 1.

Mr Donald Smith has been elected president of Leasco

Europa, of Maidenhead, effective April 1

April 1.

Mr E. J. B. Rose is to retire from the board of Penguin Books on May 1, and will become non-

executive chairman of the board of the parent company. The Pen-guin Pub!!shing Company, working

part-time.
. Mr Thomas Young has been

appointed area vice-president, Europe at Elizabeth Arden, He will continue as managing director of Elizabeth Arden Ltd. and will assume responsibilities for the areas of France, Belgium and the Netherlands.

appointed to the board.

Scott to

Fiat's share of the Italian

International

sales. A decade ago Fiat held 74 per cent of the Italian mar-ket.—AP-DJ.

Central Norseman

Australia's biggest gold mines, raised profits in the half-year to January 8, from A\$5.96m (£2.9m) to A\$10.5m after tax

the full benefits of the recent DM169.5m in 1978.

through, Central Norseman is expected to make bigger profits in the second half.

'No comment' by **OGEM**

ment on the resignation of OGEM's board chairman, Mr B. J. Udink, from March 1. OGEM shares were suspended on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange after the company statement on the resignation,

will reach those of 1979, as it Car sales, however, which of A5249,000. The company is is questionable whether market Car sales, however, which of A3243,000. The company is questionable increases will paying a total dividend of 24.5 crude oil price increases will be fully absorbed. Last year In 1978 Central Norseman the group recorded a provi-produced 86,000 ounces of gold signal net profit of about

nerional outlook and spread of activities. It is our intention to

be one of those companies' declares Mr Aisher.

During the seventies, Mar-

ley's turnover grew at a com-pound annual rate of 15 per cent, pre-tax profits at 21 per

cent, earnings per share at 26 per cent and capital employed

at 17 per cent. The chairman explains that to match this

growth in this decade, Marley

must devote a substantial part of its financial resources to in-vestment in new companies, "a

prospect that is as exciting as it is challenging?.

While Apex Properties' rents

receivable were virtually unchanged at £501,000, against £493,000 in the half-year to September 30, interest receivable more than doubled, from £38,000 to £99,000. Pre-tax profits are cent meater at £325,000

32 per cent greater at £335,000.

With earnings per share up from 1.13p to 1.49p, the interim divi-dend, gross, is being raised from 0.74p to 1.0p.

Lamont Hldgs expands

Lamont Holdings, the invest-

menr holding company with in-terests in engineering has

bought two private companies: Merlin Cutting Tools, of Shef-field, and Duratool, of Warren-

point, co Down. The total pay-ment will not exceed £100,000

The acquisitions, effective January 1, 1980, will extend the group's engineering activities and are expected to contribute

to the current year's profits.

Bigger interim payout

The increase in dividends re-

ceivable by Hambro Trust in the

half-year to December 31 from

Hambros Ltd has resulted in a

corresponding rise in the sum available for ordinary sharehol-ders of £157,000, compared with

£120,000 last year. So the board of Hambro Trust

has decided to raise the interim dividends to 1.42p gross on the £1 (25p paid) and on the 25p

(fully paid) ordinary shares.

The rate paid on both these

classes of shares last year was 0.97p, followed by a final of

from Hambro Trust

engineering side

Interest boost for

Apex Properties

Takeover approach for Norrington

Shares in Henry Norrington and Son, the agricultural engineer, merchant and general ironmongers, were suspended yesterday following approaches which may lead to a hid. At the those which have a ruly inter-Lucas board which may lead to a bid. At the those which have a truly inter-Mr R. G C. Messervy is to succeed Sir Bernard Scott as executive chairman of Lucas Industries from April 1. on Sir Bernard's retirement. Mr Messervy will retain his responsibilities as group managing director. The board intends to invite Sir Bernard on sicin the suspension price of 161p the company is valued at £630,000. In December Norrington reported profits for the year to September 30 up from £115,000 to £165,041 on turnover up from £14.3m to £16.3m. This came after a half-time fall from invite Sir Bernard to re-join the company as a non-executive director.

Mr Steve Robinson has joined E90,000 to £75,000. In Septem-

ber Norrington sold the seed business of Parnell, Lang and Pye TVT as managing director.
Mr Victor D. Smith has been appointed director of finance of 5KF (United Kingdom). Co, which contributed about 10 per cent of group profits, for £200,000 in a bid to reduce bor-Mr J. McLelland will hecome chairman and Mr A. M. Nicol, deputy chairman and managing rowings. There was a feeling in the market that several companies could be queuing up to bid for Norrington, though Benjamin Priest or Massey Ferguson

were mentioned as the most

Shirlstar sells Hall Steamship holding

likely.

Roidings in a non-executive capacity.

Mr J. R. Mikami, chairman of C. E. Heath & Co (Aviation), has been reappointed managing director of the company, and Mr J. A. E. Bassett, Mr R. P. Marsh and Mr S. C. Pritchard have been appointed company directors.

Mr Neil Magee has been appointed deputy managing director, and Mr Michael Cheadle and Mr Michael Allen have been appointed to the board of Eumig (UK).

Mr B. H. Wilden has been elected chairman of Gill & Duffus Shirlstar Container Transport has disposed of its entire hold-ing of 23,550 shares in Hall Brothers Steamship. Shirlstar said yesterday that the shares were bought through the jobbers by three different purchasers. It had instructed its brokers to sell the holding in one lot to avoid having a holdelected chairman of Gill & Duffus Landauer. He replaces Mr R. J. ing below 10 per cent which, in future, might have been com-Thorne, who was recently appointed chairman of Gill & Duffus. Mr Thorne remains on the board of Gill & Duffus Landauer.

Mr Lionel D. Cowan has become

pulsorily purchased. Guinness Peat stake in biochemicals firm

International Enzymes, a subsidiary of Guinness Peat Group, has taken a 50 per cent interest in P-L Biochemicals, a newlyformed company in Sankt Goar, West Germany. The new company will act as

a European distribution centre for biochemical reagents manufactured by P-L Biochemicals, of Wisconsin, which owns the remaining 50 per cent interest. International Enzymes has had a close association with P-L Biochemicals over a number of years and represents the com-pany in the United Kingdom.

Marley ready for a new decade

A cheerful annual review is forthcoming from Mr O. A. Aisher, the chairman of Marley, the building products group. Marley's board believes that the group is well prepared and organized to meet the challenge of the 1980s. "With the greater A spokesman for OGEM Holding, NV, declined to com-

Central Norseman, one of German Mobil

Mobil Oil AG, the West German subsidiary of Mobil Oil, doubts that its 1980 net profits

Companies. The UIC is lobbying for a loan guarantee scheme which involves starting a secondary market in the loan stock and it has been pressing for a chance to explain the details of the scheme to civil servants who have been known to oppose the idea in the past.

Behind the scenes opposition to the scheme has also come from the banks, and on Thursday, February 14, there will be the last of three meetings between the UIC and the Committee of London Clearing Banks. It is now understood the banks are showing cautious interest as long as the scheme is definitely Government-backed and administered by themselves, rather than being backed on a mutual insurance basis.

Meanwhile, the Government position remains that the proposal is one among many being considered to help small busi nesses. Fiscal proposals, affecting the provision of equity, are likely to be included in the

The proposals going to the Post Office Pension Fund are the first results of an experimental scheme being run by the business counselling service.

This involved using Department of Industry counsellors to assess as investment prospects small companies which needed

meetings for small

Year's

total ~(1.6) ~(7.2)

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lost 10p to 150p on the announcement

in the forefront of the price war with Asda on its doorstep. It saw turnover move up by 5 per cent to £56.5m and pretax profits go from £1.17m to £1.33m in the 28 weeks to November 10, 1979. But as Mr Gordon Hunter, the chairman, pointed out, the corresponding period last year included a £6.1m turnover and £275.000 trading loss from the Capital Discount Stores. These were acquired in June, 1978, for £2.06m and Hillards closed the acquired in June, 1978, for after the end of the half year.

£2.06m and Hillards closed the 17 stores, which were based in the South last year.

EMESS LIGHTING Acceptances of offer by Wide-ham Trust accepted for 6,742 ordinary shares; offer expired.

DUPLE INTERNATIONAL W. S. Yeares Ltd has disposed of 2.8m shares; total holding in Duple is now 2.14m (5.21 per

CRONITE GROUP

Mr K. F. Ward, chairman, reports in his annual statement that considerable rationalization has taken place recently within the group which has already led to an improved performance and reduced overheads. He believes Cronfre is now soundly based to increase its share of the market in the difficult period ahead.

HORNE BROTHERS

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After the disappointments of 1978-79, Horne Brothers is now a generally fitter and faster-moving business, with better and improving management ready for further controlled growth. declares Mr R. J. Horne, the chalrman, in his annual statement.

MIDLAND BANK IN EEC MIDLAND BANK IN EEC
Midland Bank Group has opened
an EEC office in Brussels. This is
the first EEC office of its kind for
any bank in the European community. The new office will help
Midland Bank Group and the
British banking system play a
larger part in the financing or
co-financing of the Community's
activities.

The first-half results were

By Rosemary Unsworth

First-haif results from West figures are stripped out, turn-lide, Bradford, which is due to Yorkshire supermarket operator Hillards left the City 18.5 per cent.

Slightly disappointed despite a 14 per cent increase in profits

If the Capital Discount acquired for a large store at Idle, Bradford, which is due to open by the autumn of 1980.

"Financial resources are adequate to cope with future developments." Mr Hunter 14 per cent increase in profits provement in trading margins at the pretax level. The shares from 2.46 per cent to 2.5 per cent during the period, which might be reduced in the second half if Hillards fights Asda's

The group, which has 44 stores operating in the North and Midlands, has always been recent price cutting campaign. also affected by the group's heavy expenditure on opening new stores. This pushed interest charges up from £7,000 during the last full year to £85.000 in the first half, although the group stressed that it still has plenty of cash which is earmarked for new stores. In addiwhich opened during the 28 weeks, two more opened in Huddersfield and Oldham just

> Henlys now confirm that R. E. Hamilton and Company. Belfast, was acquired on February 1. The name of R. E. Hamilton and Co will be maintained and the exist-ing management will continue.

> ASSAM INVESTMENTS
> Dillroad Ltd bought 45,000 shares in Assam Investments on January 30, making its holding 260,000 shares (5-69 per cent).

Briefly

ROWLAND GAUNT Pre-tax profit for half-year to December 31, £7,000 (£8,000). No interim dividend (same).

MERGER CLEARED Proposed merger between British Vita and Vita-Tex not to be referred to Monopolies. Com-

ELSWICK-HOPPER London Trust has acquired 50.000 shares in Elswick-Hopper. making its holding 2.65m shares.

PENTLAND TRUST Gross revenue of Pentland Investment Trust for 1979 up from £1.48m to £1.94m. Ner revenue, £1.14m (£840,000), including special dividends received. Total payment. 8.97p (6.59p), including special dividend.

OLYMPIC ARWAYS

A (US)\$120m financing to enable Olympic Airways to purchase three A300 Airbuses and soares was signed in London. Midland Bank International, Credit Lyonnais and Deutsche Girozentrale are leading syndicates from the United Kingdom, France and Germany, participating in line with their national stakes in Airbus Industrie, with Midland as the agent bank.

U.C. INVESTMENTS Pre-tax profits for 1979 up from R12.08m to R17.78m. Earnings per share up from 61.9 to 85.2 cents and total dividend raised from 42 to 60 cents a share.

SCOTTISH HOMES INVESTMENT CO

Offers made by Barratt Deva. unconditional; acceptances received for 97 per cent of SHI's capital. Offers remain open.

STERLING TRUST
Post Office Superannuation
Fund, following issue of new
shares subsequent to conversion
of loan stock, holds 7/5,000 shares
(4.89 per cent). Kuwait Investment
Office has acquired 25,000 shares Office has acquired 25,000 shares, making its holding 820,000 shares

SCOTTISH INVESTMENT TRUST Mr T. R. Macgregor nas retired as a manager. He continues as a director. WHITWORTH ELECTRIC

Turnover for half-year to September 30, £5.43m (£4.89m). Pre-tax profit, £169,000 (£164,000).

Tribunal may explain Croda departure

The full story behind Mr Ernest Tyerman's abrupt departure from Croda International last year could still come out at an industrial tribunal. Mr Tyerman left the chemical

group five months ago. The only explanation for his leaving came in a statement from the company which said: "Mr company which said: "Mr E. W. Tyerman has resigned from the board ".

But last month, his personal assistant and secretary Miss Rosemary Claridge tried to call him as a material witness in her action against Croda for unfair dismissal.

After a lengthy legal debate, his evidence was ruled as in ie by the Hull Indus trial Tribunal.

Yesterday, Miss Claridge's solicitor, Mr John Loosemore, of Cardiff, said: "We are going to appeal against the ruling this week. It is an important point of law as the dismissal of Miss Claridge was, we would argue, directly related to Mr Tyerman's departure from the com-

we are preparing an appeal now. I would expect it to be heard by the Employment heard by the Employment Appeal Tribunal some time in

Options

Activity among traded options subsidided yesterday, along with the remainder of the market, as total contracts fell from 1,081 to only 404. Consolidated Gold Fields attracted 106 contracts with the April 500p series featuring most attention. The battle of the big electrical giants drew a fair amount of interest in Racal with 80 con-tracts but GEC were fairly neglected with only 22 Land Securities a busy feature of late could manage only 10 contracts all of which involved April 280p

Mr Graham Ferguson Lacey

The rush before the end of the world

Some time between saying prayers with President Carter and returning to the United Kingdom on St Valentine's Day. Mr Graham Ferguson Lacey, 30-year-old "born again" Christian and City entrepreneur, will hold more talks on buying a substantial stake in Lonrho. It is now known that Mr Christopher Quelch, a member of close advisers and merchant bankers Arbuthnot Latham, and Mr Tom Ferguson, London repre-sentative of Gulf Fisheries, who are potential sellers of the stake, flew out to America this week.

Longho have said in effect that it would take a third world war before Mr Ferguson Lacey could join the board of the international trading giant. Mr Ferguson Lacey, meanwhile, quietly whittles away, saving there is no problem in raising upwards of £40m from American companies he controls. And fresh rumnurs suggest that, as with his other investments, the 19 per cent owned by Gulf Fisheries is just not eneugh- Mr Ferguson Lacey wants 21 per cent or nothing.

The Loncho target is Mr Ferguson Lacey's most ambitious since his investment vehicle, Birmingham and Midland Counties Trust bought sufficient of National Carbonising to put Mr Ferguson Lacey in the driving seat and allow him to link with the Bermuda-based energy group Weeks Petroleum. Natty Corbs, as it is known in the City, said vesterday it has bought ancther slice of Weeks bringing its own stake to 7.24 per cent and with a pooling agreement with various



holders of Weeks, gives Mr Ferguson Lacev a say in about a quarter of the

It is all part of his move into energy-related " fields: National Carbonising for its fuels and former Lon-don and Scottish Marine Oil stake, Weeks for its oil exploration licences

and now Lonrho for its mineral opera-The big deals are a long way from the humble beginnings of Solihull-born Mr Ferguson Lacey, who at 18 was already making a name for himself in

the Belfast property market. It was there he joined up with Ulster multi-millionaire Robert Cecil McBride, now aged 70, and between them they became what was reputed to have been the third largest property group in Belfast by the early 1970s.

The two, both members of the religious group the Plymouth Brethren, now control the activities of Birming-ham and Midlands Counties Trust. Through that vehicle they have built

up share stakes in around a dozen public companies. But that has now been scaled down in the United Kingdom with the BMCT holding a 14.1 per cent of merchant bankers Arbuthnot Latham. 29,9 per cent of Edinburgh and General Investment Trust, and a 52 per cent stake in Hamilborne.

BMCT also had a 23 per cent stake in the Belfast building concern, the McNeill Group and Mr Ferguson Lacey took the chair, but this company went into receivership.

But probably the major reason why the City treats Mr Ferguson Lacey with caution is his foray into textiles. After a series of takeovers his Politiam Reed group became Rivington Red.

Birmingham and Midlands Counties Trust took a 20 per cent stake, Dr John Blackburn, a fromer Vantona

director, wa brought in and took up near 10 per cent stake himself That was in the summer of 1977. By December last year Dr Blackburn resigned as chief executive and early last month had sold his stake to BMCT for a figure which was never officially disclosed. Rivington Reed passed its half-time dividend for the first time in five years and reported a pretax loss of £516,000.

For Mr Ferguson Lacey his current devotion to the energy industry is seen in the City as his second attempt to head up a successful British UK public

Company.

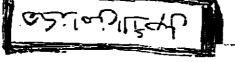
The mystery of this bachelor, who is also a part-time preacher, is his American connexions, of which ever his close advisers cleim to know nothing.

It has been widely believed in the Square Mile that he has more than a purely religious link with the Billy Graham Organisation, although officials say they have never heard o fhim.

One American newspaper reported recently that Mr Ferguson Lacey had paid £250,000 for the 13-acre Chopawamsic Island just off the coast of Virginia and some local residents were reported to be concerned that it might be turned into a base for a religious sect.

Two years ago Mr Ferguson Lacey admitted at a Press lunch that he thought the world would dend in 1983.

He's putting an awful los of energy only last another three years. Philip Robinson



This is your Company's seventieth operational year, and I am confident that Lonrho will continue to grow around its long-established core of mining and agriculture.

We feel that gradual expansion in the United Kingdom and the Western hemisphere is in the best long-term interest of Shareholders. This programme is now well under way, and you will see the Company progressing further from 1980 onwards, while maintaining our investment plans in

Exceptionally, profits are down this year, although the balance sheet has never been healthier. Heavy reinvestment has contributed to this and we have had trading problems in West Africa for which we have had to make provision. The SUITS Monopolies Commission hearings were an expense and restraint throughout the year, but happily with a successful outcome.

In 1979 your Company bought the Dutton-Forshaw Group, Harrison and Sons, and 50 per cent. of the Princess Hotel Group. We also acquired the remainder of the shares of Scottish and Universal Investments, which brought in a major holding in House of Fraser. You will find all these reviewed below.

You have some splendid assets, and I hope you enjoy reading about their progress last year. If you are a new Shareholder, the 19 year graphs on pages 52 and 53 will be of interest. May I call your attention to pages 30 and 31 where the Board set out the Group's general accounting policies which have been formulated by our Chief Accountant with our Auditors.

The management and employees of the Lonrho Group-world-widenumber over a hundred and forty thousand people, of whom sixty thousand work in the United Kingdom.



Mining and Refining

The mining companies had a particularly good year with profits up from £9.6 million to £31 million. The main contributors have been the platinum and the gold mines, with strongly increasing prices for these metals. In the past year we produced 358,000 ounces of gold, which realised an average price of US\$261 per ounce. At the time of this review prices are still well above this level.

Output of platinum group metals is up to 124,000 ounces, and production should be still higher this year. As with gold, our costs of production remain competitive and metal prices are currently well above last year's. Research into economic technology to exploit a second reef should be completed during the year; if successful, this would enable us to expand platinum group metal production quite significantly at a reasonable capital cost. Ore reserves are extensive.

Next in importance is coal, where output increased slightly to 2.58 million tonnes of bituminous coal and 500,000 tonnes of anthracite.

Copper mining, which is not large scale, produced a useful profit. The asbestos market was dull and sales decreased to 9,700 tonnes but profit was maintained.

Our exploration programme continues, with gold, coal and platinum as the principal targets. We hold several low-grade gold properties which are viable at a price of US\$250 to 300 an ounce. Obviously with prices well above this level they become profitable. Development of certain of these deposits is already in hand and we have also acquired options over a number of other properties, both dormant and producing. Gold output would increase substantially when these mines reach ...



Agriculture and Ranching We grew and sold 330,000 tonnes of sugar and the price per tonne

improved. The new Dwangwa sugar project in Malawi started up in June, on schedule, and our participations in the Kenana scheme in the Sudan and the Savé estate in Benin continue.

The Group's tea estates processed just under ten million pounds of tea this year, most of which was sold on the London market.

Your Company continues to be a major producer of wattle extract for leather tanning. Our other agricultural activities include oil seed processing, cereals, coffee, timber and tobacco, all of which did reasonably well. The total herd of beef cattle is still 100,000 head, after sales of 20,000

head this year.

Lonrho will continue to grow around its long-established core

of mining and agriculture

R.W. Rowland, Chief Executive

Young schemes started this year in frica include a large mushroom farm in Kenya, branded "Eldoret Mushrooms", and an agricultural scheme in Zambia is producing maize, wheat, soya beans, onions, tobacco and potatoes. Beef cattle and pigs are also included in the still expanding farms, the pig unit being the largest in Zambia. There is a large area fed by overhead irrigation.

Motors

World-wide, our subsidiaries consider that during 1980 sales should certainly exceed a hundred and fifty thousand vehicles.

In the United Kingdom, the Volkswagen-Audi franchise had a good year with sales of eighty-four thousand vehicles, about 5 per cent. of the market. We have a combination of first-class management, 350 well spread dealerships, and an exceptionally fine range of cars and commercial vehicles. The entire quota allocated to us was sold.

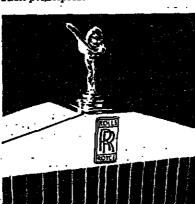
We have represented Mercedes-Benz in Zimbabwe and Zambia for very many years. We are probably Africa's largest and most widespread motor distributors holding nearly every major motor franchise in one country or another. We also sell motor cycles, tractors, trucks and earth movers.

Within SUITS, the Company now owns the profitable motor trading group, Dutton-Forshaw, which has a national spread of 89 outlets. Chief amongst these is Jack Barclay, the world's largest and most prestigious distributor of Rolls-Royce and Bentley.



During the year our Wankel licencee in Japan, Toyo Kogyo, has had considerable international success with the Mazda RX7, while promising research results have been achieved in the development of a diesel engine, for which patents and patent applications

In the field of compressors and heat pumps the Wankel concepts have been applied with significant advantages over traditional designs and a leading manufacturer has announced delimite interest in producing a range of automobile air conditioners utilising such principles.



Rolls-Royce and Bentley through Jack Barclay

Aircraft and Cargo

Tradewinds, the cargo airline operating Boeing 707's out of Galwick Airport, has struggled through the year, held back by fuel prices and contracting demand for air freight services.

The Lonrho Group has small aircraft based across Africa to service projects. The Falcon Executive jet, which logged millions of miles, was replaced in 1974 with a longer-range

Grumman II, averaging 1,000 flying

hours a year for the Company. The Beechcraft dealership sold sixty of their tough and popular aircraft to

customers in Africa. Kendall Globe Limited, the travel and freight agents based in England, achieved its targets for the year.

Engineering, Steel and Manufacturing

Engineering in the United Kingdom has seen turbulent trading conditions in the last twelve months. The industry suffered a ten-week strike by transport drivers, a ten-week overtime ban and partial strike by the work force and severe winter weather conditions. Despite this, your engineering division achieved a small profit.

Firsteel (cold rolled strip), J. Hartley and Company (metal fabricators) and Lightfoot Refrigeration experienced quiet trading conditions.

The steel-making plant at Hadfields in Sheffield and the process engineering company, Newell Dunford, were reorganised to meet market conditions. The division should now show a good return, if demand improves. Sales of billet and bar were 205,631 tonnes.

Sheer Pride, who make office furniture and filing cabinets at Weybridge, had a good year, despite the loss of the Iranian market. The three Emerald Stainless Steel companies in Eire, Malta and Leeds, large-scale manufacturers of sink tops, also traded well. The plumbing factors, Peter J. Hopkinson, produced a good result, and the Homeworthy furniture factories expanded a profitable range with new products.

Funds Employed

Reserves

Deferred tax

Loans

Equity interest

Share capital

Minority interests

Assets Employed

Net current assets

Net assets per share

Fixed assets

Associates

Investments

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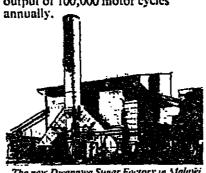
Turnover

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Profit before tax . .

Hotels £4 04m

In Africa, our engineering and manufacturing plants had a slack year, but the economic outlook is decidedly better for 1980. Plans for 1980/1981 in Nigeria include the production of glass fibre boats, and a factory with an output of 100,000 motor cycles annually.



Textiles

I am glad to report that the African mills had a fair year, after the doldrums of 1977 and 1978.

At Cramlington, in the United Kingdom, Lonrho Textiles makes a prize-winning range of household polyester cotton products branded "Accord" which they are very actively promoting. The quality is such that they will, we hope, be the number two brand in the country in 1980/1981. The loss-making warp knitting and long staple spinning divisions were closed by the end of 1979. The factory is extremely modern and is one of the largest complexes in Europe. Union co-operation is excellent and, although this mill was bankrupt when we took it over, I think it may now be on the road to a lasting recovery.

Taken as a whole, the textile division produced 120,217,183 metres of cloth.

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Printing and publishing

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Balance Sheet at 30 September 1979

Analysis of group profit for year to 30 September 1979

(including associates)

Printing and Publishing

The intended move by Outrams, publishers of the 'Glasgow Herald' and Evening Times', to their new premises in Albion Street, Glasgow, will now take place in July 1980.

The 'Glasgow Herald' achieved increases in both circulation and advertising during the year, while Scottish & Universal Newspapers, the publishers of 33 weekly newspapers across Scotland, continued the re-equipment of their printing centres and opened two new plants during a successful year.

Holmes McDougall are now benefiting from their rationalisation programme of previous years. They continue as publishers, booksellers and printers, and experienced a healthy rise in magazine circulation to 2,497,000 a

With the introduction of the new 'Sunday Standard' in Kenya, we now have five newspapers operating in Africa. Printing and publishing had a relatively poor year overseas.

Since the year end, SUITS has bought Harrison and Sons, the specialist security printers. Apart from their normal business as printers, almost all the United Kingdom's postage stamps and those of a hundred foreign countries are produced on the advanced machinery of this famous firm.



The Metropole Group in Britain had by 35 per cent. The luxury Metropole Hotel in Birmingham attracted 450 conferences. Where it is economically attractive, we are expanding the hotels and upgrading their facilities, and in this we are using, wherever practicable, the services of your Group's excellent building company, Fassnidge Son and Norris.

The hotels in Africa, which are all sizeable and of good quality, have had a busy year.

Just after the year end, we agreed with Mr. Daniel K. Ludwig to become an equal partner in his company, Princess Properties. The assets of that company are seven outstanding luxury hotels. The Bermuda Hamilton Princess and Southampton Princess will be known to many of the Shareholders who have visited that lovely island, and ranking among the best in the world is the Acapulco Princess, Mexico, shown on page 2.



There are two hotels in the Bahamas. and an elegant city hotel in San Francisco, the Sir Francis Drake. There is now active joint management and a firm understanding to agree plans for a very fine hotel site in Mexico City, as well as to combine in future projects. The cost to your Company was US\$80 million, plus the issue of five million Lonrho shares to Mr. Ludwig.

Property

Through our wholly-owned subsidiaries, London City & Westcliff and AVP Properties, we have commercial and industrial holdings in England and France, having a book value of £43 million.

Residential properties in England in the middle price range are gradually being sold.

Wines, Spirits and Beers

The major assets in this section are the six French vineyards—Chateau Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Château La Garde, Château Rausan-Segla, Château de la Tour, Château de Lamouroux and Chatcau Olivier-the wine shippers, Louis Eschenauer of Bordeaux, and the Scottish whisky distilleries. Whyte & Mackay, which come within SUITS. The vineyards have done well, as have Louis Eschenauer, where sales were up 29 per cent. Volume sales of Whyte & Mackay increased 20 per cent. to 1,151,478 gallons.

In the North of England the Ashe & Nephew retail chain had sales of £34 million, and opened forty-six new outlets, bringing the total to 280 off-licences and bottle stores.

The Group's twenty traditional beer breweries, which are operated in partnership with African Governments, continue to flourish. The beer is varied from country to country, to traditional recipes, but is generally low in alcohol content and high in protein...

We also have a Coca-Cola plant located in Zambia, which is one of the largest in Africa.



Export Confirming and Broking

John Holt's export confirming with West Africa had to be severely reduced, as were the activities of Lonrho Exports, to weather a difficult year of economic changes in Western Africa. However, Balfour Williamson, our international confirming house. was able to achieve good profits and to expand.

The volume of cotton broking was maintained in a static market, where sharp currency movements made it necessary to adopt a cautious policy.

Pipeline

Our oil pipeline connecting Zimbabwe with the eastern coast of Africa comes into strong focus following the lifting of sanctions in Zimbabwe. The pipeline has been closed since December 1965 when sanctions first came into force. To build such a pipeline now would cost £75 million and its potential, once the Umtali refinery is recommissioned, is considerable.

Our action against the oil companies, who were associated in the project, is not affected by the immunity given when sanctions were lifted in December, and we are vigorously pursuing our claims.

SUITS and The Monopolies Commission

Our bid to acquire the remaining 70 per cent. of SUITS' shares was referred to the United Kingdom Monopolies and Mergers Commission in May 1978, on the grounds that SUITS, which is a major Scottish company, would be adversely affected by the amalgamation with Lontho. After full and costly investigations lasting ten months, which included the detailed examination of our management and financial position. the Commission gave its complete approval to the merger.

Scottish shareholders in particular will be pleased to know that SUITS retains, and will keep, its direction and distinctive Scottish character and has already expanded to employ more than 10,000 people, with a turnover well in excess of £300 million.

With the acquisition of SUITS, the Group's total stake in the House of Fraser department store chain has risen to 29.99 per cent. There are no other major shareholders. Apart from Harrods, the 110-strong chain includes Barkers, D. H. Evans, Dickins & Jones, the Army & Navy Stores, Kendal Milne, Rackhams, Chiesmans and Dingles.

Conclusion

I know you will want to join all members of the Board in expressing your appreciation of the hard work and initiative of those who work for Lonrho in the United Kingdom and overseas. I want to mention the many people who work for the Company in Zimbabwe, and whose welfare is our serious concern. We would like to . thank Shareholders for their confidence in us through the year. It was particularly kind of so many of you to mail your proxies in support of the Board at our last Annual General

The seventy-first Annual General Meeting of Lonrho Limited will be held at the Great Room, Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London, W.I. on Friday 14th March 1980, at 12 noon.

Profit before tax and central finance charges

Lonrho Limited, 138 Cheapside, London EC2V 6BL

The text is taken from the Chief Executive's review contained in the 1979 Report and Accounts which will be published in mid-February. Copies will be available from The Secretary, Lonrho Limited, 138 Cheapside, London, EC2V 6BL.

Price rises boost Inco's earnings

Higher metal prices and strong demand from stainless steel manufacturers enabled Inco, the Canadian nickel giant, to raise net earnings by 80 per cent in 1979 from US \$77.8m to \$142m (£62.8m). Earnings per share went up from 77 cent cents to \$1.58.

Most of the 1979 improve-

Most of the 1979 improvement came in the final quarter when net earnings were \$69.2m compared with \$10.1m for the same period of 1978. In the last three months of 1978 Inco's fortunes were so low that most of

tunes were so low that most of its net earnings were attributable to currency adjustments.

Sales for the whole of 1979 were up \$410m at \$2,490m, the lion's share being made by the mickel division, Inco Metals, whose sales rose from \$866m to \$1,054m. Three important influences on net earnings were to \$1,054m. Three important in-fluences on net earnings were the \$75.5m loss from the strike at the Sudbury, Ontario, re-finery, currency translation gains of \$12.7m, and the trans-fer to profits of \$43.4m from United Kingdom deferred tax to which the company is no longer liable.

Average net realized prices for primary nickel products, including intermediate products, including intermediate products, weer \$2.43 a pound compared with \$1.98 a pound in 1978. Copper also showed a big rise, from 61 cents a pound to 91 cents. Last February Inco began once again publishing its prices after a period during which they had been kept secret to avert a price-cutting war. After opening in 1979 at \$2.05 a pound, nickel rose by five more stages to reach \$3.20 in December.

Inco's total nickel production

been anticipated has turtner underlined the change which has occurred in the world statistical position for sugar and this is one of the underly-ling factors in the continuing strength of the commodity."

It has emerged that it will be at least two years before the world sugar industry feels the impact of the Coca-Cola Company's decision to cut its sugar consumption by 50 per cent by using high fructose corn syrup in all its soft drinks, including Coca-Cola itself. Average net realized prices

Inco's total nickel production last year was 255m pounds against 267m in 1978. At that level of production, the com-pany still accounts for about 60 per cent of nickel production outside the centrally planned economies. Inventories, a key to the health of the industry, fell by 141m pounds to 89m.

The quarterly dividend was increased by 5 cents to 15 cents. Last year Inco paid total dividends of 50 cents, 20 cents less than in 1978.

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Underlying factors in continuing strength of the sugar market

Writing in their Sugar Review about the underlying factors in the continuing strength of the sugar market, brokers C. Czarnikow say that rumours that agricultural production in the Soviet Union suffered a severe setback in 1979 were confilmed last week with the publication of official stritistics.

So far as sugar beet is concerned, output was put at 76m tonues, compared with 93.5m tonues, compared with 93.5m tonues in 1978. "There is always a percentage of the roots grown in the Soviet Union which is devoted to uses other than the production of sugar and, bearing this in mind, and also average sugar content over the past several seasons, it seems hardly likely So far as sugar beet is concerned, output was put at 75m tonnes, compared with 93.5m tonnes in 1978. "There is always a percentage of the roots grown in the Soviet Union which is devoted to uses other than the production of sugar and, bearing this in mind, and also average sugar content over the past several seasons, ir seems hardly likely that the 1979-80 sugar trop can far exceed some 7.25m tonnes in terms of raws. in terms of raws.

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"This very low level of production no doubt accounts for the substantial purchases made by the Soviet Union some weeks ago. It remains to be seen whether the Soviet Union has completed her purchases for the season, but there can be no doubt that this latest confirmation that a major producer has had a much smaller crop than had been anticipated has further underlined the change which has occurred in the world statistical position for sugar and this is one of the underlying factors in the continuing strength of the commodity."

Commodities

pound per year would go to majeure. high fructose.

Mr Quittmeyer said that Coca-Cola's decision to switch to a blend of 50 per cent corn sweetener and 50 per cent nat-ural sugar was certain to have a major impact on the rest of the soft drink industry.

the soft drink industry.

A spokesman for A. E. Staley Manufacturing Co, a major producer of high fructuse corn syrups, confirmed that the industry is operating at near capacity with output this year expected to reach 1,800 million pounds. pounds.

be at least two years before the world sugar industry feels the impact of the Coca-Cola Company's decision to cut its sugar consumption by 50 per cent by using high fructose corn syrup in all its soft drinks, including Coca-Cola itself.

The announcement caused world sugar prices to tumble last Mooday, but Mr Robert T-Quittmeyer, president and chief executive officer of Amstar

give priority to the processing of refined sugar before raw

Because of the priority given by the government to refined years, the per capita growth in sweetener consumption of one market reports of force

New York, Feb 4.—The stock market was mixed in active trading this morning. Advances led declines three-to-two but popular market averages shed fractions.

Oils were active and mixed. Exxon, trading with an ex-dividend handicap of \$1.25, was up it 0621. Texaco added 2 to 351 and Pemmzoil, which raised its dividend Friday, added 1 to 482. Mobil lost to 602.

Tosco Corp. a recent addition to the list, rose 12 to 311 in active trading. Allied Chemical's final quarter net more than doubled and it announced a four million common share offering. It added 1 to 551.

February 1: The Dow Jones industrial average closed 5.63 points up at 881.48.

Wallace Jackson New York, Feb 4.-The stock

Wallace Jackson Commodities Editor

Commodities

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Discount market

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that one time were of huge proportions.

Nevertheless, some houses were struggling at the finish to pull in the last million or two needed to balance their books for the day. Rates had opened around 17-16; per cent, and most houses were still paying in the upper reaches of the 17-16; per cent that took in the closing band of rates.

Factors against the market included small below-target bank belances brought across the weekend, small repayments of the MLR loans taken on Friday, and the resale of a large number of bills previously bought from the houses.

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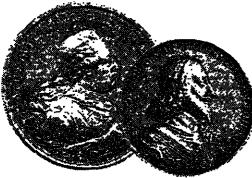
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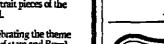
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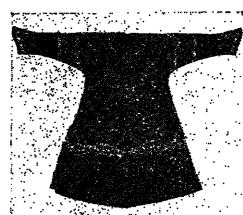
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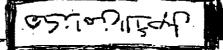
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Harold Lloyd in tonight's episode of Hollywood (ITV, 9.00)

I can safely recommend two natural history films tonight, both on BBC, and both the products of the natural history unit in Bristol. Foxwatch (BBC 1, 4:40) has been screened before, and the demand for a second viewing has been remorseless and thunderous. I understand. Out of 100 hours of exposed film covering nine months in the life of a family of foxes in the Bristol area, we see a mere 30 minutes. Remote control cameras, hidden under a house's floorboards, have recorded the foxes' quarrels, subsequent making up, mutual grooming, and the filling of the larder during the winter. Then, the vixen gives birth to four cubs, and the life cycle begins all over again.

The other recommendable feature is Deer at Any Price (BBC 2, 6.45). Awful title, but undeniably supported by the content—the New Zealand deer, formerly pests, which now provide farmers with a lucrative living thanks to the antier velvet which is sold to the Far East for medical and aphrodisiac

• Why Jana Bakova, the Czech director of Blue Moon (BBC 1, 10.15) chose Concert Mayol, instead of that other famous temple of Parisierne nudice the Folies Bergeres, was because of the quality of its nudity. It was too academic at the Folies. At the now-closed Concert Mayol, she found ordinary girls with ordinary bodies, with rents to pay and children to tend. Much uninh bited flesh and banal eroticism, a strippers' strike, and a soupcon of wistfulness and social context. Not really for the maiden aunt,

• The Radio 4 series The Manipulators (final programme tonight, 8.30) have really been an exercise in masochism : we have dutifully listened to accounts of how we have been brainwashed by PR men; we have been vouchsafed the tricks of this wily trade—and yet we have absolutely no intention of putting up any resistance in the future, either. Tonight's finale ould be fascinating. For the first time, we are assured by the PR men at the BBC, we shall hear the awful truth about the promoting of Tory politicians from the fountainhead itself, Tim Bell, managing director of Saatchi and Saatchi.

● Have you got the measure of Pinter now? Or are you still content to be deliciously mystified? Discover tonight by listening to A Slight Ache (Radio 3, 7-30), the very production we first heard 10 years ago. This was, in fact, Pinter's first play for radio, and is worthy in every way to be included in Radio 3's current selection from 25 years of notable radio drama. Vivien Merchant and Michael Hordern play the married couple who invite a matchseller into their home.

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TELEVISION

BBC 1

Close down at 7.55.

9.35 For Schools, Colleges: Mathshow; 9.58 Maths-In-a-Box (Alex Glasgow story); 10.16 Look and Read; 10.38 Resource Unit 11-13 History (The Sea, the Sea !); 11.00 Watch (pottery): 11.17 Television Club; 11.38 Design by Five (Alan Coren's sitting room); 12.05 pm Technology, Close down at 12.30, 12.45 News and weather.

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1.00 Pebble Mill at One: Includes an interview with actor Bernard Bresslaw. And an expert's advice on making a will.

1.45 Trumpton: The story of the mayor's birthday (r).

2.00 You and Me: For the very young, 1 2 3 4 5 (r).

2.14 For Schools. Colleges: Treff-2.14 For Schools, Colleges: Treff-punkt: Deutschland (Schule): 2.30 Julius Caesar: Part 4 of the BBC TV production. Close down

viewers.
3.55 Play School: Tony Pickering's story Nobody Understood.
4.20 Yogi Bear: Cartoon. Boohy Trapped Bear (r). 1.25 Jackanory: Steve Hodson con-tinues reading Nina Warner Hooke's story Pepito.

10.05 am Company Pensions-Who

Cares? Pensions, and what the unions are doing about them(r).

11.00 play School: Same as BBC 1,

11.25 Write Away: Barry Took's helping hand for had spellers (r).
11.40 It's a Grand Life: Is it the structure of school life itself that inhibits learning? (r). Closedown

2.30 Dilemmas: Is lovalty as important as we like to think it is? Professor Bernard Williams poses

the question and attempts to

3.00 Illusions of Reality: How those old cinema newsreels showed that good news could be just as

interesting as bad news (r). 3.30 The Living City: Sociology

3.25 Dechrau Siarad: For Weish

4.40 Wildlife on One: Forwatch. Nine months in the life of a family of town foxes (see Personal Chuice).

Junior newsreel.

5.10 John Craven's Newsround:
Junior newsreel.

5.15 Grange Hill: Comprehensive
school serial. A black mark against
Penny Lewis (Ruth Davies) for writing a school magazine article.
5.40 News: with Kenneth Kendall. 5.55 Nationwide. 6.50 Robbie: A Ripe Old Age. Fyle Robertson interviews Arthur Askey, still making us laugh at the age of 79.

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7.26 The Variety Club Awards:
Terry Wogan and Ray Moore compere tonight's presentation ceremony from the Savoy Hotel. London. Awards include those for radio, television, film and radio.
The highlight, naturally, is the award to the Show Business Personality of 1979.

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8.10 Decision: A Home for Janice? How social workers in Coventry have tried to find a bappy foster-home for a 16-year-old black girl who had been shunted from one children's home to another. And why Lynn and Allen Jones think they can offer Janice the haven for which she longe. which she longs. 9.00 News: with Richard whitmore. 9.25 Flesh and Blood: Part 5 of

6.00 The Waltons: How the coming

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Close. series. Last of the series (r). series. Lally Bowers plays the Closedown at 3.55.
5.40 Laurel and Hardy: Me and My
Pal* (1933). Stanley's wedding gift
to Oliver, a jigsaw puzzle, wrecks
the plans for the ceremony. The
finale is a spectacular fight with former stage star who is cheated out of a small fortune by a man using loaded dice.

Finch's 10-part

John Fined's Topart North Country serial about the Brassington family. Max i John Stone) suspects his factory-owner father i Bill Fraser) is plotting with Jim Turner (Nigel Stocks), the works convener.

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10.15 Elue Moon: Omnibus film
about the final weeks in the life of
Concert Mayol, the famous Paris
music hall (see Personal Choice).

11.17 Oversten Then Backs D. V.

nuisic nail (see Persunal Choice).

11.17 Question Time: Robin Day's panel tonight consists of Edward Du Cann. Sir Monty Finniston, Suzanne Lowry and Dr Oonaugh McDonald, MP.

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BBC 1 VARIATIONS: Wales: 10.38 am 1 Vandion 2.40 pm Crustal 1705. 2.45

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9.00 Movie Showcase: The Getting
of Wisdom (1977). Highly praised
film from Australia. Set in Melbourne at the turn of the century, it is about a country girl (Susan-nah Fowle) unhappily put into an exclusive girls school. Barry Humphries plays a straight role as 6.00 The Waltons: How the coming of war affects Walton's Mountain. John Walton accepts a big building contract—an action which has a profound effect on the family.

6.45 The World About Us: Deer at Any Price. The red deer are providing New Zealand with money-spinning industries. This is the story of the former uncontrollable pest (see Personal Choice).

7.30 News: with sub-titles for the the headmaster. 10.40 Animated Conversations: Animated fun with auditions (1). 10.45 Newsnight: The news and

current affairs programme.
11.30 International Darts: More
matches in the Embassy World
Professional Championship, from 7.30 News: with sub-titles for the hard of hearing.
7.40 cricket: Australia v England. Stoke-on-Trent. Players include the former champion, Leighton Rees, of Wales. Finishes at approxima-

> Armchair Thriller: Dead Man's Kit. Episode 3 of the nau-tical thriller. Hired killers on the trail of Chalky White (Larry Lamb), himself on the trail of

8.30 Robin's Nest: Comedies about a bistro. Tonight: James (Tony Britton) considers asking his new love to live with him. 9.00 Hollywood: Hazard of the Game. The terrifying risks that the early stunt men took. Four survi-vors remember those hair-raising

10.30 Film: Wait - Until Dark (1967). Thriller about a blind girl (Audrey Hepburn) who is terrorised by a gang determined to get their hands on a doll stuffed with heorin. We suffer almost as much as Miss Hepburn does. With Alan Artin and Richard Crenna Alan Arkin and Richard Crenna. 12.25 am Close: Actor Robert Rietty reads from the work of Nahman of Bratslav, the theolo-

RADIO

6.00 am News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today.

6.39 Today. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.30, 8.30 Headlines. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament.

9.00 News. 9.05 Tuesday Call. 10.00 News. 10.05 in Britain Now.

10.30 Daily Service.
10.35 Daily Service.
10.45 The Wooden Horse (12).
11.00 News.
11.05 Play: Fingers of Suspicion.
11.35 Local Edition.
12.00 News.
12.02 pm You and Yours.

12.20 Down Your Way.
12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One.
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News
2.02 Woman's Hour. 3.02 Listen With Mother. 3.15 Sons and Lovers (3)† 4.10 Bookstelf.

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dent. 9.30 Kaleidoscope. 10.30 The Hornblower Story.† 11.00 A Book at Bedtime. 11.15 Financial World Tonight.

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12.00 News. 12.15 am-12.23 Weather. Van 6.50 am Regional news, weather. 7.50 Regional news, weather. 9.15-10.30 For Schools: Voix de France; Deutsch für die Ober-stufe; The World of Work; Play-

time.
10.45-12.00 For Schools: La France
Aufourdhui; Let's Move! Music
Club; Introducing Science.
2.00 pm-3.00 For Schools:

History-Not So Long Ago; Days That Made History; Stories and Rhymes. 5.50 Regional news, weather.

11.00-11.30 Study on 4; Por aqui Radio 3

6.00 am Cricker: Australia v England. 7.05 Weather 7.10 News Grainger.†

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10.50 Viola, piano: Milha Britten, Brahms (op 120 no 2).† 11.45 BBC Singers: Monteverdi.†
12.15 pm BBC Weish SO/Bergel, pt
1. Vachan Williams (Sym 8),
Vivaldi.†

1.00 News. 1.05 Six Continents; world news. 1.20 BECWSO. pt 2; Lutoslawski (Cont for Orch).† 1.55 Talk: Milhaud. 2.05 Plano: Schubert, Bridge, Rachmaninov.† 2.40 In the Shadows of the Great: Robbins Landon on Witt.+

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Mozart (K589).
7.30 Play: A Slight Ache, by
Harold Pinter (Merchant; Hor-

(BWV 532).† 8,45 Talk (A. S. Byatt): Willa 9.30 Organ concertos: Haydu, Krenek (op 230—1st Uk bdcst), Bossi+ 10.30 Pierre Bernac masterclass.+ 11.25 Piano (Bingham): Prokoviev (Son 6).† 11.55 News.

12.00-2.05 am Cricket: Australia v

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5.00 am News, weather, 5.04 Steve Jones,† 7.32 Terry Wogan.† 10.03 Colin Berry. † 12.03 pm David Hamilton.† 2.03 Ed Stewart.† 4.03 Much More Music.† 5.00 News. 5.05 Waggoners' Walk, 5.20 Much More Music.† 6.03 John Dunn.† 8.02 Wiy A Little Bit O' Luck 13.† 9.02 Glamorous Nights.† 9.55 Sports Desk, 10.02 Rolf's Walkabout, 10.30 The Cheekle Chappie (2), 11.02 Brian Matthew, 2.03 am-5.00 You and the Night and the Music.†

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9.30 am For Schools. 9.30 Experiment (Biology); 9.47 Seeing and Doing (Circles); 10.04 Reading with Lenny; 10.16 Work (Rushhoor travel); 10.35 English (Authorship); 11.05 Leapfrog (maths); 11.22 Look Around (noise); 11.39 The Land (the South Downs, with Bill Grundy).

12.00 Paperplay: Fun with paper. With Susan Stranks. New series. 12.10 pm Pipkins: Another Hartley Hare story for children. 12.30 The Sullivans: family serial. A kiss in the cinema. 1.00 News. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Airport Chaplain: Series: How the chaplain (Ronald Forfar) in-tervenes in the airport strike by

talking to the shop steward (Rus-

2.00 After Noon Plus: Interview with M*A*S*H* star Alan Alda

2.45 Wilde Alliance: Series about 8.00 2.45 Wilde Alliance: Series about a detective fiction writer (John Stride) and his wife (Julia Foster). Today: The Private Army of Colonel Stone (r).

The third Test from Melbourne. 8.10 Company and Co: Comedy

3.45 Three Little Words: Married couples in a cash-prize quiz. 4.15 Get it Together: Pop music show. With Roy North and Linda-Fletcher. David Essex is one of the guests, 1.45 Magpie: Mick Robertson goes

scurry driving (pony and trap).
Also an item about the Northern Black Light Theatre, who specialize in mime. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm: Dolly, in

hospital, gets worse. 5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News. 6.25 Helpl Joan Shenton's advice and information feature. 6.35 Crossroads: Motel serial, Dra-7.00 Charlie's Angels: Another case for the three crime-busting

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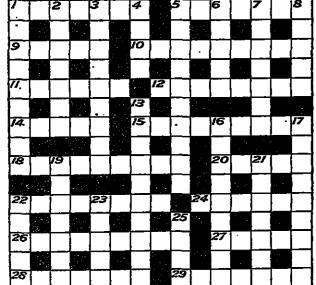
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1 Maybe Nero might return as salesman in Rome (7). 5 Anti-Philistine mouthpiece

9 Ticklish if catchy quintet

12 Pony-hire organization's Derby winner (8). 14 This lamp used in signal dispatching (5).

number one volume, 21 Went to bed after a blow-"Mammy's Boy" (9). out? (7) 15 Easily moved by return of

18 Parisienne's motorway lunch 22 Stony thereon (5). 20 Most of the noise made by the cast (5).

22 Memorable girl(s) (8). 24 Two boys meet one of Solution of Puzzle No 15,139 Gray's little Etonians (6). 26 Leader, that's by a foot in

twenty-two yards (9). 27 Egyptian brick-maker (could harm his beast ?) (5). 28 A diner's sadly inadequate

fare (7).
29 Type to do right in the bull-ring (7).

1 A medium issue (9). 2 As pointed as Morton's nemand (7). 2 A portion's possibly fatal for a renegade (3.6).

Flay of suspense (4). 5 Silver standard (5, 5). 6 Sounds just what absent friends should do (5). 7 Hunter is seen round at this

(5).

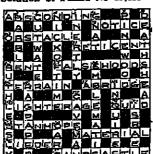
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11 Homer of the winged words? (6).

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